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## FEDERAL COUNCIL LEADERS WHO HAVE HELPED COMMUNIST ORGANIZATIONS

These are just a few of the hundreds of present and past officers, leaders and prominent members of the Federal Council who have aided and abetted God-hating, un-American organizations.

(Numbers indicate affiliations with organizations)

Henry A. Atkinson — 4, 9, 10, 29, 39, 40, 45  
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 Federal Council Secretary  
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 Prof., Union Theological Seminary, New York  
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 Minister, Madison Ave. Presbyterian Church, New York  
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 Federal Council Secretary  
 Samuel McCrea Cavert — 24, 37, 40, 46  
 Federal Council Secretary  
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 Former Prof., Yale Divinity School 36, 37, 39, 40, 42, 43, 46  
 Mark A. Dawber — 9, 14, 38, 40  
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 Protestant Episcopal Bishop of New York  
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 Methodist Bishop  
 Ivan Lee Holt — 19, 23, 37, 44  
 Methodist Bishop, Former Pres. Federal Council  
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 E. Stanley Jones — 7, 45  
 Federal Council Preacher and Missionary  
 John Paul Jones — 12, 25, 38, 43  
 Minister, Union Church of Bay Ridge  
 Benson Y. Landis — 17  
 Federal Council Secretary  
 Henry Smith Leiper — 1, 4, 10, 19, 26, 33  
 Secy., World Council of Churches, New York  
 Edward C. Lindeman — 1, 7, 8, 10, 13, 15, 19, 23, 24, 26, 27, 29,  
 Prof., Columbia University 33, 37, 39, 46  
 Halford E. Luccock — 2, 15, 16, 19, 24, 30, 34, 36, 37, 40, 42, 44,  
 Prof., Yale Divinity School 46  
 Francis J. McConnell — 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 13, 14, 15, 19, 28,  
 20, 30, 31, 32, 33, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 42, 43, 45, 46  
 Methodist Bishop, Former Pres. Federal Council  
 J. Howard Melish — 3, 7, 11, 12, 32, 37, 42  
 Suspended Rector P.E. Church of the Holy Trinity, Bklyn.  
 Abraham J. Muste — 1, 13, 15, 17, 21, 26, 28, 36, 46  
 Secy., Fellowship of Reconciliation  
 James Myers — 1, 11, 17, 24, 38, 39, 43  
 Federal Council Secretary  
 Reinhold Niebuhr — 5, 7, 15, 17, 23, 24, 28, 30, 37, 39, 42, 43, 45  
 Prof., Union Theological Seminary, New York 46  
 G. Bromley Oxnam — 1, 9, 15, 24, 30, 32, 34, 36, 37, 40, 46  
 Methodist Bishop, former Pres. of Federal Council  
 Kirby Page — 1, 6, 15, 23, 24, 28, 36, 42, 46  
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 Prot. Episc. Bishop of Calif. (Ret.) 34, 37, 40, 44, 45  
 Edw. McNeill Poteat — 14, 23, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 41, 45  
 Former President, Colgate-Rochester Divinity School  
 William Scarlett — 1, 11, 15, 36, 40  
 Protestant Episcopal Bishop of Missouri  
 Robert W. Searle — 17, 23, 24, 26, 36, 37  
 Director, Protestant Council of New York City

Guy Emery Shipley — 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 11, 14, 19, 22, 25, 30, 37  
 Editor, "The Churchman"  
 Ralph W. Sockman — 10, 23, 24, 45  
 Minister, Christ Church (Methodist) New York  
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 24, 26, 32, 34, 37, 40, 42, 43  
 For 25 yrs. Exec. Secy., Church Lea. for Ind. Demcy. (Ret.)  
 Worth M. Tippy — 7, 19, 30  
 Former Secy. of Federal Council  
 Channing Tobias — 3, 4, 7, 9, 16, 21, 32, 34, 38, 40  
 Director, Phelps-Stokes Fund, New York City  
 Willard E. Uphaus — 5, 10, 12, 14, 34, 36, 38  
 Exec. Secy., Natl. Religion & Labor Foundation  
 Henry P. Van Dusen — 3, 15, 36, 42, 46  
 President, Union Theological Seminary, New York  
 Walter Van Kirk — 10, 15, 23, 46  
 Federal Council Secretary  
 Harry F. Ward — 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 13, 14, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 27,  
 28, 29, 30, 32, 34, 35, 37, 38, 40, 41, 43, 44  
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 Luther A. Weigle — 15, 19, 36, 37, 45, 46  
 Dean, Yale Divinity School

## SOME OF THE RED GROUPS THEY HAVE AIDED

A partial list of the Communist, Communist-front and Socialist organizations with which various officers, leaders and prominent members of the Federal Council of Churches have been affiliated—together with citations from official sources as to the true nature of the organizations.

Note: We have a record of more than 1500 present and former communist, communist-front and socialist organizations and enterprises. Over 550 of these have been officially branded as such by one or more official government investigating bodies.

Only 46 out of this 1500 are listed below. Most Federal Council leaders listed here, and hundreds of other FC men, have been affiliated with many other subversive organizations, sometimes scores of others.

### 1) American Civil Liberties Union

"The A.C.L.U. is closely affiliated with the communist movement in the United States, and fully 90% of its efforts are on behalf of Communists who have come into conflict with the law. It claims to stand for free speech, free press, and free assembly, but it is quite apparent that the main function of the A.C.L.U. is to protect the communists in their advocacy of force and violence to overthrow the government."

Cong'l. Comm. to Investigate Communism (Fish Comm.)

"... is a supporter of all subversive movements; its propaganda is detrimental to the State. It attempts not only to protect crime but to encourage attacks upon our institutions in every form."

New York State Joint Legislative Committee Investigating Seditious Activities (the Lusk Committee)

"The American Civil Liberties Union may be definitely classed as a Communist front or 'transmission belt' organization."

California Committee on Un-American Activities

### 2) American Comm. for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom

"A Communist front formed to defend Communist teachers."

Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities

"This Communist front was established on Lincoln's birthday in 1939. \* \* \* The activities of this group were always in behalf of Communists. \* \* \* (It) has followed the Communist Party line as it switched and squirmed in support of the foreign policy of Soviet Russia."

California Committee on Un-American Activities

Cited as "subversive and un-American."

Sub-Committee of the House Comm. on Appropriations

### 3) American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born

Cited as subversive and Communist.

Attorney General Tom Clark

"One of the oldest auxiliaries of the Communist Party in the United States."

Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities

"Among the Communist-Front organizations for racial agitation. Works closely with the International Labor Defense, legal arm of the Communist Party, in defense of foreign Communists and sympathizers."

California Committee on Un-American Activities

### 4) American Committee to Save Refugees

Cited as a Communist front.

Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities

"A Communist front operating in the Communist-refugee field. ... has shown interest only in Communist refugees."

California Committee on Un-American Activities



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- 38) Peoples Institute of Applied Religion  
Cited as subversive and Communist.  
*Attorney General Tom Clark*  
"One of the most vicious Communist organizations ever set up in this country."  
*Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities*
- 39) People's Lobby  
Its slogan, according to its officers, "To balance consumption and production by eliminating profit;" its program, "Increased taxation of the rich; socialization of ground rent and reduction of interest rates as steps towards the elimination of profits; public ownership of banking, natural resources, transportation, communication and all basic industries; government marketing and government housing corporations."—This program is in accord with the Socialist-Communist system of Russia.
- 40) The Protestant (Formerly known as Protestant Digest)  
"A magazine which fanatically spreads Communist propaganda under the guise of being a religious journal."  
*Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities*  
A "Communist publication."  
*California Committee on Un-American Activities*
- 41) Schappes Defense Committee  
"A front organization with a strictly Communist objective, namely, the defense of a self-admitted Communist who was convicted of perjury in the courts of New York."  
*Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities*  
"Among typical front organizations for the defense, honor or support of known Communists."  
*California Committee on Un-American Activities*
- 42) Socialist Party  
Insofar as ultimate ends are concerned, there is no distinction between Socialism and Communism. Socialists seek to take over the government by legislative means, if possible, resorting to a throat-cutting revolution only as a last resort. Many Communist leaders of today got their training in the Socialist Party. Socialists and Communists cooperate in many specific activities on a United Front basis. Earl Browder, former General Secretary, Communist Party, explains: "The program of the Socialist Party and the program of the Communist Party have a common origin in the document written by Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels in 1847-1848, known as the Communist Manifesto. There is no difference, so far as the program is concerned, in its final aim. The differences between the Socialist and Communist parties are gradually being eliminated, and one unified Socialist or Communist movement is emerging."
- 43) United Christian Council for Democracy  
A United Front movement, sponsored by leading Socialist, Communist and radical leaders in the churches. Its purpose, according to its official statement, was "to draw together the different left wing groups into a United Front Movement." One of its major activities in 1940 was a militant campaign against the Dies Committee Investigating Un-American Activities."
- 44) Washington Committee to Lift the Spanish Embargo  
Cited as a Communist front.  
*California Committee on Un-American Activities*
- 45) Signer of "World Tomorrow" Poll  
Voted in favor of Socialism, a drastic increase in inheritance and income taxes, a "coöperative commonwealth" instead of capitalism.
- 46) War Resisters League  
American affiliate of the revolutionary Socialist-Communist War Resisters International. Its pledge for enrollment says: "I declare it to be my intention never to take part in war, offensive or defensive, international or civil, whether it be by bearing arms, making or handling munitions, voluntarily subscribing to war loans, or using my labor for the purpose of setting others free for war service." One of its slogans is: "To unite men and women who have determined to give no support to any war, irrespective of the reasons." The League co-sponsors numerous communist-controlled movements and programs of Communist-dominated organizations.

## THE CHURCH BODIES WHICH CONSTITUTE THE FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

National Baptist Convention  
Northern Baptist Convention  
Church of the Brethren  
General Council of Congregational Christian Churches  
Czech-Moravian Brethren  
International Convention of Disciples of Christ  
Evangelical and Reformed Church  
Evangelical United Brethren Church  
Five Years Meeting of the Friends in America  
Religious Society of Friends of Philadelphia and Vicinity  
The Methodist Church  
African M. E. Church  
African M. E. Zion Church  
Colored M. E. Church in America  
Moravian Church  
Presbyterian Church in U. S. A.  
Presbyterian Church in U. S.  
Protestant Episcopal Church  
Reformed Church in America  
Romanian Orthodox Church of America  
Russian Orthodox Church of North America  
Seventh Day Baptist General Conference  
Syrian Antiochian Orthodox Church of North America  
Ukrainian Orthodox Church of America  
United Church of Canada  
United Lutheran Church (Consultative Body)  
United Presbyterian Church

The Federal Council claims to represent 28,000,000 Protestants. If the church to which you belong is a member of one of these bodies, they claim to represent you.

Does it represent you? Do you believe that American Free Enterprise should be scrapped and replaced by Socialism? The Federal Council does. Do you agree with the un-American, un-Christian policy of the hierarchy of the Federal Council?

If you don't there are several things you can do about it,—for instance, you can:

1.) Insist that your church stop supporting the Federal Council. Don't let it give one dollar. The Federal Council receives large sums from various Jewish and other non-Christian or anti-Christian groups, so while the withdrawal of your church's support won't put them out of business, it will hurt them. If all real Christian churches withdrew, it would seriously cripple them.

2.) Join this organization and help remedy the situation. The churches rank with the schools in being the worst disseminators of Socialist-Communist propaganda.

3.) In this short space it is impossible to show in detail the apostasy, Socialism and Communism of the Federal Council of Churches. There are four excellent books and several pamphlets which go into the subject with great thoroughness. They are must reading for everyone interested in restoring the Protestant churches to the faith of our fathers.

"Collectivism Challenges Christianity", Kaub, \$2.00  
"Modern Tower of Babel", McIntire, \$2.00  
"Communism and the Church", A.M. Rehwinkel, \$2.50  
"Ecclesiastical Octopus", Gordon, \$2.00

Send \$1 for an assortment of pamphlets on the subject.

4.) This is the atomic age! Start "chain reactions" by circulating this chart. "New, Lower Prices."  
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122 W. Washington Avenue  
Madison 1, Wisconsin

Christian Americans must act vigorously and promptly  
—or their churches will become no more than wings  
of the Communist-Socialist movement.

- 5) American Friends of Spanish Democracy  
"Organized by the Communist Party for the support of the Spanish Loyalist cause."  
*Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities*  
Cited as a Communist front.  
*California Committee on Un-American Activities*
- 6) American Fund for Public Service (the Garland Fund)  
"A major source for the financing of Communist Party enterprises such as the Daily Worker and New Masses, official Communist publications."  
*Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities*  
Cited as a Communist front.  
*California Committee on Un-American Activities*  
"Contributed more than \$1,500,000, all to the furtherance and support of left-wing Marxist projects. . . Had, as its trustees, the leaders of the Communist Party in America."  
*Massachusetts Committee on Un-American Activities*
- 7) American League for Peace and Democracy  
Cited as subversive and Communist.  
*Attorney General Tom Clark*  
"Established in an effort to create public sentiment on behalf of a foreign policy adapted to the interests of the Soviet Union."  
*Attorney General Francis Biddle*  
"The largest of the Communist front movements in the United States. . . \* \* \* An examination of the program of the American League will show that the organization was nothing more nor less than a bold advocate of treason."  
*Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities*  
Cited as a Communist front.  
*California Committee on Un-American Activities*
- 8) American League Against War and Fascism  
Cited as subversive and Communist.  
*Attorney General Tom Clark*  
"A Communist-front organization. . . established in the United States in an effort to create public sentiment on behalf of a foreign policy adapted to the interests of the Soviet Union."  
*Attorney General Francis Biddle*  
Cited as a Communist front, completely under the control of Communists.  
*Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities*
- 9) American Round Table on India  
"A Communist front headed by Robert Norton, a well-known member of the Communist Party."  
*California Committee on Un-American Activities*
- 10) American Youth Congress  
Cited as subversive and Communist.  
*Attorney General Tom Clark*  
". . . has been controlled by Communists and manipulated by them to influence the thought of American youth."  
*Attorney General Francis Biddle*  
"One of the principal fronts of the Communist Party, prominently identified with the White House picket line."  
*Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities*  
"One of the most influential front organizations ever established by the American Communist Party."  
*California Committee on Un-American Activities*
- 11) Church League for Industrial Democracy  
(Now named Episcopal League for Social Action)  
An off-shoot of the militant socialist organization, League for Industrial Democracy. The CLID absorbed the Church Socialist League and is a radical pressure group operating within the churches to agitate against Constitutional government and to promote a social order patterned after that of Soviet Russia.  
"Their conventions have been addressed by outstanding Communists. The Church League ceased printing its own propaganda and distributes the pamphlets of the League for Industrial Democracy (a United Front league without the prefix 'Church'). The inference is that the Church League adopts the aims of its non-sectarian counterpart."  
*Massachusetts Committee on Un-American Activities*
- 12) Citizen's Committee for Harry Bridges  
Cited as a Communist front, formed to oppose deportation of Harry Bridges, Communist Party member and leader of the disastrous San Francisco general strike of 1934 which was planned by the Communist Party.  
*Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities*  
"Typical Communist created and controlled front organization."  
*California Committee on Un-American Activities*
- 13) Citizens' Committee to Free Earl Browder  
Cited as a Communist organization.  
*Attorney General Francis Biddle*  
Cited as a Communist front.  
*Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities*  
Cited as a Communist front.  
*California Committee on Un-American Activities*
- 14) Civil Rights Congress  
Cited as subversive and Communist.  
*Attorney General Tom Clark*  
Cited as a Communist front organization, "dedicated not to the broader issues of civil liberties, but specifically to the defense of individual Communists and the Communist Party" and "controlled by individuals who are either members of the Communist Party or openly loyal to it."  
*Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities*  
"A Communist-dominated organization."  
*California Committee on Un-American Activities*
- 15) Committee on Militarism in Education  
Cooperated with Socialist and Communist groups in waging relentless campaign against R.O.T.C. and military training in schools and colleges. Received \$12,400 from the red Garland Fund to propagandize against military training in schools. Opposed National Defense work of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Reserve Officers Association, etc.
- 16) Conference on Constitutional Liberties in America  
A conference as a result of which was established the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties, "part of what Lenin called the solar system of organizations ostensibly having no connection with the Communist Party, by which Communists attempt to create sympathizers and supporters for their program."  
*Attorney General Francis Biddle*  
"An important part of the solar system of the Communist Party's front organizations."  
*Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities*  
A "Communist-inspired conference" which launched the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties during the Stalin-Hitler pact.  
*California Committee on Un-American Activities*
- 17) Consumers' National Federation  
Cited as a Communist front.  
*Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities*  
"Created by the Communist Party and used for the purpose of spreading propaganda in schools and through women's clubs."  
*California Committee on Un-American Activities*
- 18) Consumers Union  
Cited as a Communist front "headed by the Communist Arthur Kallet (whose party name is Edward Adams). Ben Gold and Louis Weinstock, both well-known Communists, were also members of the labor advisory committee of Consumers Union."  
*Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities*  
Cited as a Communist front.  
*California Committee on Un-American Activities*  
Cited as "subversive and un-American."  
*Special Sub-Comm. of House Comm. on Appropriations.*
- 19) Coordinating Committee to Lift the (Spanish) Embargo  
Cited as one of a number of front organizations, set up during the Spanish Civil War by the Communist party and through which the party carried on a great deal of agitation.  
*Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities*  
Cited as a Communist front.  
*California Committee on Un-American Activities*
- 20) Conference on Pan-American Democracy  
(Known also as Council for Pan-American Democracy)  
Cited as subversive and Communist.  
*Attorney General Tom Clark*  
Cited as a Communist front.  
*Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities*  
Cited as a Communist front.  
*California Committee on Un-American Activities*
- 21) Council on African Affairs  
Cited as subversive and Communist.  
*Attorney General Tom Clark*  
Cited as a Communist front.  
*Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities*  
"A Communist front organization. Has received funds from American People's fund, a Communist financial organization."  
*California Committee on Un-American Activities*



## THE FEDERAL COUNCIL PROMOTES SOCIALISM

In many official pronouncements, the Federal Council has attacked free enterprise, capitalism and the American way of life, and has baldly advocated Socialism.

In an official report in 1932, the Federal Council stated: "The Christian ideal calls for hearty support of a planned economic system. . . . It demands that cooperation shall replace competition as a fundamental method."

At a full meeting in Indianapolis in December, 1932, the Federal Council adopted unanimously this Socialist creed: "The churches should stand for social planning and control of the credit and monetary systems and the economic processes."

The following year, 1933, the Council officially declared: "The Christian conscience can be satisfied with nothing less than the complete substitution of motives of mutual helpfulness and good will for the motive of private gain."

The Federal Council has not changed since then. This anti-free enterprise, anti-profit attitude is still its fundamental policy. In Cleveland in January, 1945, they again attacked the right of private property as an absolute freedom, and further stated, "Many changes may be necessary in our economic practices. These changes will probably lie in the direction of a larger measure of social planning and control than characterized our pre-war system."

In 1948 at Amsterdam, the World Council of Churches, which is dominated by the Federal Council and was attended by most of its leading lights, adopted this resolution:

"The Christian Churches should reject the ideologies of both Communism and laissez-faire Capitalism." (Note: The resolution which was first adopted did not have the words "Laissez faire." These were added next day to "tone down" the resolution after unfavorable repercussions began to pour in.)

These are just a few illustrations which prove that the Federal Council believes in, preaches and advocates Socialism, and is completely opposed to the American (and Christian) system of Individual Freedom.

## MANY OF ITS PREACHERS ARE COMMUNISTS

Communism is materialistic, godless and intensely anti-Christian. It not only atheistically denies the existence of God; but it also carries on a vigorous and vicious campaign militantly teaching hatred of God. It is almost inconceivable that ministers of the gospel of Christ could be found chummily associating with Communists and lending aid and comfort to communist organizations—yet they do—by the thousands (see opposite page for a few notable examples).

A large number of the clergy affiliated with the Federal Council repeatedly preach that Communism is an advanced form of democracy; that it is the desirable next step in the forward progress of our society; that Communism and Socialism are the "new social order" and express more nearly than capitalism the true brotherhood of man; that they bring us closer to the realization of the ideals expressed by Christ in the Sermon on the Mount; that Russia is the land where all social and economic problems have been solved, where inequality, poverty and want have been abolished.

## EVEN MORE ARE FELLOW TRAVELERS

While some affiliated with the Federal Council are undoubtedly members of the Communist Party, most of those who have been actively aiding and abetting Socialism and Communism are fellow travelers rather than actual members of the party.

However, it must be remembered that fellow travelers are more dangerous to America than outright Communists. It is generally they who lend an air of respectability to the vicious, debased movement that is Communism, and it is they who bring into communist fronts the innocents and dupes without whose aid, encouragement and financial support the front could not exist. It has been well said that a fellow traveler is a Communist without courage—one who believes in the principles of Marxism but without the intestinal fortitude publicly to join the party.

Under our code of laws one who aids and abets a criminal is just as guilty as the one who commits an overt crime. Any one, be he minister or layman, who knowingly aids and abets the God-hating enemies of America and Christianity is just as guilty and just as un-American as a Communist.

J. Edgar Hoover: "I confess to a real apprehension, so long as Communists are able to secure ministers of the gospel to promote their evil work."

## NAVAL INTELLIGENCE CONDEMNS FEDERAL COUNCIL

United States Naval Intelligence in 1935 reported that the Federal Council of Churches was subversive and was one of the strongest of the organizations "which while not openly advocating the 'force and violence' principles of the Communist Party give aid and comfort to the communist movement and party. . . . It is a large radical pacifist organization and probably represents 20,000,000 Protestants in the United States. However, its leadership consists of a small radical group which dictates its policies. It is always extremely active in any matters against national defense."

Since that time the activities and policies of the Federal Council have not improved one whit.

## WHAT SOME FEDERAL COUNCIL LEADERS HAVE SAID ABOUT COMMUNISM AND SOCIALISM

"Is it not probable that the greatest event of the 20th Century thus far is the Soviet Revolution and all it has meant to human welfare?" (Prof. Jerome Davis, long time member of the Federal Council inner circle.)

"It is my conviction that one cannot be a Christian, if he must function within a society where self-interest and personal profit are the dynamic of industrial life." (Dr. J. Henry Carpenter, Chairman Federal Council's Department on the Church and Cooperatives.)

"The principle of competition seems to be nothing more than a partly conventionalized embodiment of primeval selfishness." (Samuel McCrea Cavert, Genl. Secy. of Federal Council, in an official Council publication.)

"When the Western world was floundering in an unjust and competitive order . . . God reached out and put his hand on the Russian communists to produce a juster order and to show a recumbent church what it has missed in its own gospel." (E. Stanley Jones, Federal Council-sponsored preacher and speaker.)

"The Christian religion is not a suitable religion for today." (Eduard C. Lindeman, Federal Council Commission on research, and editor 1939 and 1940.)

"The Soviet Union is progressing and growing up economically and politically since the time of the Czars, while capitalist society is starving and going down." (Harry F. Ward in a radio broadcast May 21, 1946.)

"Denominationally, I am a Presbyterian; religiously a Unitarian; and politically, I'm a Communist. I'm not preaching to make people good or anything of the sort. I'm in the church because I can reach people easier that way and get them organized for Communism." (Rev. Claude C. Williams, a confessed Communist Party member, Director of People's Institute of Applied Religion, and long-time intimate of prominent Federal Council personalities.)

"The only way out is an economic order which increasingly eliminates the profit motive." (Edward L. Parsons, Bishop of California.)

## HERETICAL APOSTASY OF SOME TOP FC LEADERS

"God for us cannot be . . . an . . . avenging Being who because of Adam's sin must have his Shylockian pound of flesh. No wonder the honest boy in justifiable repugnance could say, 'dirty bully.'" (Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, FC President, 1944-46, "Preaching in a Revolutionary Age," page 79.)

"Of course, I do not believe in the Virgin Birth, or in that old fashioned substitutionary doctrine of the atonement." (Dr. Harry E. Fosdick—for years FC radio speaker—in a letter, January, 1945.) " . . . the theology of our forefathers is an insult to our intellect." (Fosdick on radio)

"Literal infallibility of Scripture is a fortress impossible to defend: there is treason in the camp. Probably few people who claim to 'believe every word of the Bible' really mean it. That avowal held to its last logic would risk a trip to the insane asylum." (Dr. George A. Buttrick, FC President, 1940-42, "Christian Fact and Modern Doubt," page 162.)

## BE ALERT FOR FC'S DISHONEST DENIALS

In the past when some notorious Communist fellow traveler connected with the Federal Council has been criticized, the Federal Council has issued weasel-worded denials of such connection. They have even had the dishonesty to assume an air of indignation and protest that Bishop Francis J. McConnell had no connection with the Federal Council. Bishop McConnell was for years president of the Federal Council, and for many additional years was one of the leading members of the inner circle. Every name listed herein is or has been intimately connected with the Federal Council, most of them in high positions.



- 22) Cultural and Scientific Conference for World Peace (the Waldorf Conference, sponsored by the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions)  
Cited as a Communist front.  
*Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities*  
"A sounding board for Communist propaganda."  
*Secretary of State Dean Acheson*
- 23) Emergency Peace Mobilization  
"A Communist front which came forth, after Stalin signed his pact with Hitler, to oppose the national defense program."  
*Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities*  
"Among the more conspicuous Communist fronts that have defied brazenly the interests of the United States and other freedom-loving nations whenever they have been in conflict with the interests of Soviet Russia and world Communism."  
*California Committee on Un-American Activities*
- 24) Fellowship of Reconciliation  
Radical-pacifist group using Christian terms to spread communist propaganda. Circulated petitions for and played a leading role in bringing about the recognition of Russia in 1933. Is a section of the ultra-radical War Resisters International which, according to its literature, "believes a new social order can be and will be established . . . it believes these changes can be accomplished by revolutionary uprisings." . . . Is a branch of International Fellowship of Reconciliation, which says "we must work for a radical reorganization of society" and insists that "the class war is a fact."  
*California Committee on Un-American Activities*
- 25) Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade  
"In 1937-38, the Communist Party threw itself wholeheartedly into the campaign for the support of the Spanish Loyalist cause, recruiting men and organizing multifarious so-called relief organizations. Among these was the above Communist-front organization."  
*Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities*
- 26) Greater New York Emergency Conf. on Inalienable Rights  
Cited as a Communist front, one of a "maze of organizations spawned for the alleged purpose of defending civil liberties in general, but actually intended to protect Communist subversion from any penalties under the law."  
*Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities*  
Cited as a Communist front.  
*California Committee on Un-American Activities*
- 27) Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee  
Cited as subversive and Communist.  
*Attorney General Tom Clark*  
A "Communist-front organization."  
*Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities*  
Cited as a Communist front. "The sponsors and officers . . . with few exceptions are admitted Communists and fellow travelers. The policy is in concert with the foreign policy of the Soviet Union."  
*California Committee on Un-American Activities*
- 28) League for Industrial Democracy  
"Founded as a militant socialist organization and subsidized by the Communist-directed Garland Fund, the League for Industrial Democracy propagandizes particularly among college and seminary students. Its publications have largely been written by members of the Communist Party and its supporters. Their objects of attack have been those pursued by the Young Communist League and kindred organizations—against military training in schools and against the evils of the capitalist system. The achievements of the workers' government in Soviet Russia are painted in gilded eulogy, and similar socialism is advocated for the United States."  
*Massachusetts Committee on Un-American Activities*
- 29) League of American Writers  
Cited as subversive and Communist.  
*Attorney General Tom Clark*  
Cited as a Communist front.  
*Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities*  
"The most naive spectator and quarter-witted participant of this first Writers' Congress (at which the League of American Writers was formed) could not have been deceived as to its Communist revolutionary character."  
*California Committee on Un-American Activities*  
"In the Daily Worker of April 20, 1935, it is stated that another organization was set up to be known as the League of American Writers, membership limited to revolutionary writers."  
*Massachusetts Committee on Un-American Activities*
- 30) Methodist Federation for Social Action  
(Formerly, Methodist Federation for Social Service)  
"A tool of the Communist Party. It is trying to use the prestige of the Methodist Church to promote the line of the Communist Party."  
*Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities*  
"Among the more conspicuous fronts for Communist activity in the field of relief, assistance, and welfare work. . . . A statement in their Social Service Bulletin No. 8, 1932 admits cooperation with the Communists."  
*California Committee on Un-American Activities*
- 31) Michigan Civil Rights Federation  
Cited as a subversive and Communist organization which has been succeeded by and now operates as the Michigan Chapter of the Civil Rights Congress.  
*Attorney General Tom Clark*  
Cited as a Communist front.  
*Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities*  
Cited as a Communist front.  
*California Committee on Un-American Activities*
- 32) National Council of American-Soviet Friendship  
Cited as subversive and Communist.  
*Attorney General Tom Clark*  
"In recent months, the Communist Party's principal front for all things Russian has been known as the National Council for American-Soviet Friendship."  
*Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities*  
"Is a direct agent of the Soviet Union, engaged in traitorous activities under the orders of Stalin's consular service in the United States."  
*California Committee on Un-American Activities*
- 33) National Emergency Conference for Democratic Rights  
Cited as a Communist front.  
*Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities*  
Cited as a Communist front organization defending Communists. "It was filled from top to bottom with veteran Communist Party liners."  
*California Committee on Un-American Activities*
- 34) National Federation for Constitutional Liberties  
Cited as subversive and Communist.  
*Attorney General Tom Clark*  
"Part of what Lenin called the solar system of organizations, ostensibly having no connection with the Communist Party, by which Communists attempt to create sympathizers and supporters of their program. The defense of Communist leaders have been major efforts of the federation."  
*Attorney General Francis Biddle*  
"There can be no reasonable doubt about the fact that the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties—regardless of its high-sounding name—is one of the viciously subversive organizations of the Communist Party."  
*Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities*  
"One of the most important Communist-front organizations."  
*California Committee on Un-American Activities*
- 35) National Negro Congress  
Cited as subversive and Communist.  
*Attorney General Tom Clark*  
"The Communist-front movement in the United States among Negroes is known as the National Negro Congress. . . . The officers of the National Negro Congress are outspoken Communist sympathizers, and a majority of those on the executive board are outright Communists."  
*Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities*  
A "Communist-dominated mass organization."  
*California Committee on Un-American Activities*
- 36) National Religion and Labor Foundation  
Set up by radicals, in 1932, to propagandize "the new social order," to give active cooperation to strikers, at the same time seeking the revolutionary overthrow of the capitalist system. Its directing personnel and National Committee were composed almost exclusively of Socialists and Communists. Writing in its official organ, one of its officers says: "It is no longer a question of the need of revolution; the question is as to the method of bringing the revolution to pass." It has published blasphemous and atheistic literature.
- 37) North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy  
Cited as a Communist front.  
*Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities*  
Cited as a Communist front.  
*California Committee on Un-American Activities*  
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Director, FBI

April 13, 1950

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION INTO  
FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST  
IN AMERICA, Aka Federal Council of Churches  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
Bureau file 100-50869

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DATE 11-5-97 BY 9803 RDD/ECG/STW

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Enclosed herewith are two photostatic copies of a pamphlet entitled "How Red Is The Federal Council of Churches?" published by the American Council of Christian Laymen. Also for your information an article concerning this group appeared on page 6 of the "New Leader" for March 25, 1950.

During the past several years many allegations have been made that the above organization is a Communist front group or is subject to Communist infiltration and influence. In view of the number of such allegations, it is believed advisable that available information concerning Communist infiltration into the above organization be incorporated in report form. You are therefore instructed to review the files of your office concerning the above organization and contact your confidential informants and furnish information so obtained to the Bureau in report form which report should be prepared in accordance with instructions in effect concerning the preparation of reports on Communist front organizations.

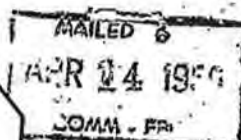
In view of the nature of this organization, no inquiries of any kind should be made except of your confidential informants and no other investigation is to be conducted with the exception of a review of the information in your files. No dissemination of this report should be made.

This matter should be placed in line for early attention.

100-50869 shows many allegations of Communist infiltration and numerous inquiries from individuals concerning Communist influence in the organization. In view of these allegations, it is believed desirable to have all information in the New York files in report form for the Bureau's information and use if necessary. No dissemination at the Seat of Government is planned when this report is received unless it is clearly indicated that the organization is actually a Communist front group.

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April 24, 1950

Alexandria, Virginia

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of April 17, 1950, has been received.

Although I would like to be of assistance in connection with your request for information, I wish to advise that it has been a long-standing policy of this Bureau to hold its files confidential and available for official use only.

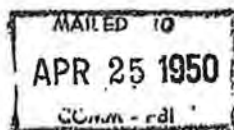
I am sure you will understand the reason for this rule and that no inference will be drawn that we do, or do not, have data in our files because of my inability to be of assistance.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

Can you give me any information concerning "The Dominican Council of <sup>MR.</sup> CHRISTIAN <sup>AMERICAN</sup> ~~Union~~ <sup>League</sup>?"

While in Pasadena last week I was loaned a pamphlet published by this organization edited in Madison Wisconsin and I was very suspicious of its intentions, as it threw shadows of distrust on the loyalty of many of our outstanding ministers in all denominations. I am very curious as to the what this organization stands for and why it attracts these ministers. <sup>62-100432-17</sup> ~~Remains~~

Truly,

April 17, 1956

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Your letter dated April 26, 1950, has been received.

While I would like to be of service, information in the files of the FBI is required to be maintained as strictly confidential and for official use only. I am sure that you will understand the wisdom of this limitation, and that no inference will be drawn that we do or do not have in our files information concerning the organizations mentioned in your letter because of my inability to be of assistance.

In response to your inquiry, the quotation set forth in your letter is accurate, although incomplete. It was taken from the text of my statement given before the Committee on Un-American Activities in the House of Representatives on March 26, 1947, and the complete sentence was, "I confess to a real apprehension so long as Communists are able to secure ministers of the gospel to promote their evil work and espouse a cause that is alien to the religion of Christ and Judaism." I am enclosing a reprint of the complete text of my statement given on the occasion in question, together with some additional material of public record which I thought might be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Enclosure

Director's Testimony  
How To Fight Communism  
Don't Be Duped By The Communists  
The Need of 1949

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NOTE: There is a reference to the American Council of Christian Laymen in 100-50869-110 which reflects that this group put out a leaflet in October, 1949 entitled "How Red is the Federal Council of Churches?" Material appears in the leaflet which attempts to show that the Federal Council is Communistic. The leaflet includes a quotation from the Director which is accurate although incomplete and is taken from his statement before the Un-American Activities Committee.



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April 26, 1950

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

What can you tell me about the American Council of  
Christian Laymen, 122 W. Washington ave., Madison 1,  
Wisconsin ?

What is the organization's standing with the Federal  
Bureau of Investigation ? Does the FBI approve of its  
activities ?

I am writing to you because the council is currently  
circulating pamphlets which, if based on fact, are  
certainly of great importance to all Americans.

But if they are not based on fact, some of the  
statements in them are certainly near to being libelous.

They relate to the position of certain Protestant  
groups and their ministers on the subject of socialism  
and communism. They say many of these churches and their  
leaders are "pink," something everyone should know if it  
is true.

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I believe those receiving the pamphlets and other literature put out by the council should know whether this organization is painting a true picture of the Protestant churches.

You are quoted in one or two of their pamphlets which I have seen and I would like to know whether you were quoted in whole or in part.

One of them quotes you as saying:

"I confess to a real apprehension so long as Communists are able to secure ministers of the gospel to promote their evil work."

Is this brief sentence, obviously taken from a speech or a newspaper story, representative of what you really said or an item plucked from a statement you made and meaningless in itself ?

This statement is contained in two pamphlets I have seen: "Shall Our Churches Teach Christianity or Communism ?" and "How Red is the Federal Council of Churches?"

Strong statements are made in the pamphlets detrimental to the Protestant churches.

I highly approve of them if they are true, only I would like to know how truthful they are.

United States Naval Intelligence is quoted as having said in 1935 (quite some time ago) that the Federal Council of Churches was subversive and one of the strongest organizations "which while not openly advocating the 'force and violence' principles of the Communist Party give aid and comfort to the communist movement and party."

"It is a large, radical *pacifist organization,* the group," the pamphlet continues, "and probably represents 20,000,000 Protestants in the United States. However, its leadership consists of a small, radical group which dictates its policies. It is always active in any matters against national defense."

This is mild stuff compared with some of the other material.

More scaring than anything else is the listing of leaders of the Federal Council who have helped Communist organizations.

Such men as W. Russell Bowie, a professor at Union Theological Seminary, Rev. Harry Emerson Fosdick, Kirby Page, author and lecturer, Ralph W. Sockman, minister, Christ church, New York, Reinhold Niebuhr, professor, Union Theological Seminary, Edward McNeill Poteat, former president Colgate Rochester Divinity school, are among those listed.



They say more :

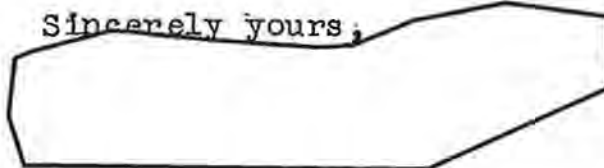
"In the past when some notorious Communist fellow traveler connected with the Federal Council has been criticized, the Federal Council has issued weasel-worded denials of such connection. They have even had the dishonesty to assume an air of indignation and protest that Bishop Francis J. McConnell had no connection with the Federal Council. Bishop McConnell was for years president of the Federal Council and for many additional years was one of the leading members of the inner circle. Every name listed herein is or has been intimately connected with the Federal Council, most of them in high positions."

If the cause of the American Council of Christian Laymen is as just one, then I, too, am for it.

Just one more question, Mr. Hoover.

Can you tell me something about its membership, that is what churches or church groups are represented on it ?

Sincerely yours,



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May 31, 1950

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Springfield 8, Massachusetts

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Dear [Redacted]:

Your letter of May 24, 1950, has been received.

I regret that I am unable to be of assistance to you in this matter as it is a policy of long standing that information contained in the files of this Bureau is restricted and for official use only. No inference should be drawn that we do or do not have information in our files about the matter in which you are interested.

The thoughts which prompted your communication are indeed appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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J. Edgar Hoover, Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am not sure that this is the proper approach to the matter I have in mind--if not please pardon me and direct me properly.

I recently received a folder--How Red is the Federal Council of Churches? (Fourth Printing, February 1950)--put out by the American Council of Christian Laymen,  
122 W. Washington Avenue,  
Madison 1, Wisconsin.

This folder lists 49 present and past officers, leaders and prominent members of the Federal Council. Against each of their names are numbers which are keyed to a list of 46 Communist, Communist front, Socialist and subversive organizations.

The implications are very serious. I have grave concern about any member of my family attending a church, associating with such people as listed, or in any other manner aiding or abetting the cause of Communism. I would not want any member of my family to attend a church the leaders of which could be charged with being sympathetic to Communism in any of its ramifications.

Would you therefore advise me as to your evaluation of the folder in question? Can it be considered as authentic information as of the date of printing? Has the American Council of Christian Laymen stepped too heavy--have they used information which is passe--or have they not stepped heavy enough?

Your consid ration will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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[Signature]



June 6, 1950

Chief Inspector  
Post Office Department  
Pennsylvania Avenue between 12th and  
22nd Streets, Northwest  
Washington, D.C.

I am transmitting herewith a letter dated May 31, 1950, from [redacted] The Lakeside Methodist Church, 2019 Harrison Avenue, Muskegon, Michigan, which was inadvertently delivered to the FBI and which does not appear to pertain to any matter coming within the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau but may be of some interest to you.

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May 31, 1950

United States Postoffice,  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

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I am enclosing herewith a folder furnished by the American Council of Christian Laymen, 122 W. Washington Avenue, Madison 1, Wisconsin, and distributed by [redacted], Muskegon, Michigan. Here is listed thirty nine of the outstanding Christian leaders of the country. To say that these men are "God-hating, un-American" leaders is plainly a libel and I wonder whether the mails should be properly used for this purpose. Isn't it about time we ended this orgy of fear?

Very truly yours,

/s/ [redacted]

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Memo to chief investigator  
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Western State Penitentiary  
Box A  
Pittsburgh 33, Pennsylvania

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Dear [Redacted]:

Your letter dated August 27, 1950, has been received and I do want to take this opportunity to thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing as you did and forwarding the material you enclosed.

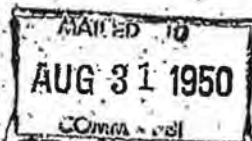
In all matters relating to the internal security of our nation which is threatened by the menace of Communism, we of the FBI are happy to receive the aid of all loyal citizens.

I regret that it is not possible for me to answer your inquiry since a long-standing policy holds the files of the FBI confidential and available for official use only. No inference should be drawn that we do, or do not, have data in our files due to my inability to be of assistance.

Regarding the use of the mails, you may wish to communicate directly with the Postmaster General, Post Office Department, Pennsylvania Avenue between 15th and 13th Streets, Washington, D. C.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director



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NOTE: The enclosures consisted of the following: a leaflet entitled "Christianity or Communism?" by the American Council of Christian Laymen, 122 W. Washington Ave., Madison 1, Wisconsin and a pamphlet "How Red is the Federal Council of Churches?" published by the same organization.

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PITTSBURGH 33, PENNSYLVANIA



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August 27, 1950

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Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

A laymen in one of our Pittsburgh churches handed me the enclosures at church today.

We are naturally concerned about Communist dangers and we have very little sympathy for communism.

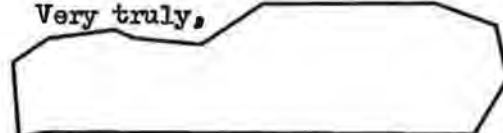
But we are also concerned that an anonymous group such as the "American Council of (so-called) Christian Laymen" can tear down the reputations of American citizens with literature such as this.

Is this literature permitted to be sent through the mails?

What kind of an outfit is the "American Council of Christian Laymen"

I don't expect an answer to my letter, but at the suggestion of the layman who gave it to me, I thought it might be worth while to call it to your attention.

Very truly,



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Western State Penitentiary,  
Box A. Pittsburgh 33, Pa.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~  
**Outlining a Program of Action to  
Preserve Our American Liberties**

The American Council of Christian Laymen was organized to meet the need for united action in opposition to the teaching of Communism-Socialism in Churches and Church-connected organizations.

Eradication of this subversive teaching can come only through an aggressive campaign of action waged by an organization such as this Council.

This Council is the only organization operating on a nation-wide basis which devotes itself exclusively to attacking this problem directly.

It is of prime importance that the writings and authentic quoted statements of pro-Communist preachers, youth leaders, editors and professors be carefully analyzed. The pro-Communists are shrewd men, highly skilled in all arts of propaganda; they show great ability to gloss over their true meaning and intention with a flow of pious phrases about their loyalty to America and hatred of totalitarianism.

**Public Exposure Important**

This propaganda must be exposed in both the religious and secular press, and must be given to the lay members in detail, that they may be fully informed about how they are being betrayed.

Laymen of the various denominations must be encouraged to form groups within their own churches, or inter-denominational local groups, and to organize denominationally on regional, state and nation-wide basis.

These groups may be chapters of the American Council of Christian Laymen if such affiliation appears desirable; in any event they will have the active cooperation of the Council in all their activities.

Teaching of Communism-Socialism in and through the Churches is one of the worst, if not in fact the worst "canker sores" in America today.

Every patriotic American, man or woman, is invited to aid the work of this Council. The form below is for your convenience in indicating your desire to assist. Act today—It is later than you think!

**American Council of Christian Laymen**  
Madison 1, Wisconsin

I wish to assist the program of the Council.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please enroll me as a member.

\_\_\_\_\_ Send me literature on how I can help.

Put me in the following group:

\_\_\_\_\_ Active \_\_\_\_\_ \$5 to \$25  
\_\_\_\_\_ Contributor \_\_\_\_\_ \$30 to \$100  
\_\_\_\_\_ Donor \_\_\_\_\_ \$200 to \$500  
\_\_\_\_\_ Benefactor \_\_\_\_\_ \$1,000 and above

I enclose my contribution in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_  
Contributions and membership dues are deductible for income tax purposes.

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(Clergymen may enroll as associate members of any group.)

*Shall Our Churches Teach*

**Christianity**

or

**Communism?**

Infiltration of Protestant Churches by the Communists has proceeded to the point that thousands of pastors preach from the works of Karl Marx rather than from the Holy Writ, and every major denomination has within it organizations devoted to the doctrines of Communism-Socialism.

This trend must be halted or liberty of worship and all other liberties will be lost.

Only an organized movement of Laymen can turn this tragic trend.

**American Council of Christian Laymen**

122 W. Washington Avenue

Madison 1, Wisconsin

62-100432-4  
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## *Our Danger is Real, and Immediate!*

America's most dangerous enemies are respected citizens who hold positions of leadership.

No man knows more about the activities of subversive groups seeking to destroy America than J. Edgar Hoover. He says:

I confess to a real apprehension so long as Communists are able to secure ministers of the gospel to promote their evil work.

Many of the pastors who stand in pulpits Sunday after Sunday expounding the principles of Communism-Socialism have the highest of motives; they have accepted as true the monstrous Communist lie that "Communism is concerned with economic welfare."

### *Editor Follows Communist Line*

The phrase just quoted begins an article in The Christian Advocate of Sept. 8, 1949, prepared by professors of Garrett Biblical Institute, to show their views of Christianity and Communism. The professors find that Communism and Christianity are much alike! Their position is typical of the views of thousands of Protestant Church leaders.

Editorially the Advocate lauded the Garrett professors for their findings, and declared that "The differences between Christianity and Communism lie in the field of ethics, not economics."

Are we then to believe that Christian teachings justify confiscation of all property of all citizens in order that it may be placed in the hands of a ruthless, murderous dictatorship? That's Communist economics!

Whether misguided or deliberately repeating Communist propaganda, preachers and theological seminary professors who tell church members and the public of America that Christianity and Communism have many points in common, and that their differences can be reconciled, are more dangerous than Soviet spies and saboteurs.

The FBI takes care of spies and saboteurs, but all too seldom is there even mild rebuke for the false religious leaders who are doing such an important job for the Moscow masters of the Communist Party in America.

### *False Leaders Aid Communists*

These false leaders are "softening up" Americans for acceptance of Marxian doctrines, and they are helping most efficiently in the Communist plot to destroy the Churches. Hence just one of these trusted leaders can do more damage than a dozen spies, saboteurs and Communist Party orators.

Every major denomination has within it so-called "social action" or "social gospel" groups which teach Communism-Socialism under pretense that it is "practical Christianity."

For example, the Council of Social Action of the Congregational Christian Churches maintains a legislative lobby at Washington; this lobby supports every radical and crack-pot measure proposed to Congress.

The Council for Social Action is an official body of the Churches, and uses mission funds to promote its political program. Most of the other denominational groups are unofficial, but they use the denominational name, and pretend to represent all members of the Churches.

It's time to call a halt!

## *Our Only Hope: Organize!*

We must save our Churches from destruction. They will be destroyed if they continue to turn from the Way of the Cross to follow political paths, whether these paths lead to left or right. A Church dedicated to preaching political dogmas no longer is a true Church; rather, it is a wing of some political, economic or revolutionary movement.

Just to save our Churches would be well worth an all-out struggle, but a great deal more than the fate of the Churches depends upon the result of Communist efforts to capture them.

### *America's Christian Heritage*

America was founded upon Christian principles. Only in the New Testament can we find the principles of the importance and dignity of the individual, and of the equality of men, which the Founders wrote into the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. These principles cannot be found in the sacred writings of any other religion, nor in the works of any of the world's philosophers.

These principles must be saved, and the only way to save them is to save the Churches as teachers of Christianity. If the Churches are destroyed, all our liberties will be lost.

### *Future Depends on Laymen*

Only the laymen can save our Churches. We cannot hope that the clergy can or will be of major assistance. The top or central organizations of all major denominations (except the more conservative Lutheran bodies) are controlled by clerics who have accepted basic Marxian doctrines; these leaders discourage preaching of the undefiled Christian gospel, and they encourage use of the Church name and prestige, and allow Church mission funds to be used for promulgation of Marxian doctrines.

In many cases the Marx-inspired "hierarchies" go so far as to persecute preachers who refuse to accept and preach Communist doctrines; in a number of instances they have unfrocked preachers whose only "heresy" is to preach from the Bible rather than from the Communist Manifesto.

Even more completely than the denominational organizations, the Federal Council of Churches is controlled by Communist fellow-travelers and apologists.

How the leadership of the Federal Council is "shot through" with Communist fellow travelers and apologists is shown by the informative chart published by the American Council of Christian Laymen.

### *Laymen Must Organize — and Act*

Only if the Laymen organize and recapture control of their Churches can the Communist program of the Federal Council be curbed.

Remember, the Churches are not the property of the clergy. Control of Protestant Churches is vested in the laity, and they must recapture it.

As individuals the church members are helpless; only if they organize and demand their rights can they retain their liberty of worship and all other liberties which Americans hold dear.

A constructive program of action is on the next page.



# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 2-7-51

FROM : SAC, Richmond

SUBJECT: ~~FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES;~~  
AMERICAN COUNCIL OF CHRISTIAN LAYMEN  
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Memo Belmont - ask [unclear]  
2-28-51  
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Transmitted herewith are the following letters and pamphlet:

1. How red is the Federal Council of Churches?
2. Letter dated 12-12-49 from RALPH W. SOCKMAN to American Council of Christian Laymen.
3. Letter dated 12-19-49 from VERNE P. KAUB to Dr. SOCKMAN.
4. Letter dated 1-4-51 from VERNE P. KAUB, Pres. of ACCL, to [redacted]
5. Letter dated 1-12-51 from RALPH W. SOCKMAN to KAUB.
6. Letter from KAUB to SOCKMAN dated 1-15-51.
7. Letter dated 1-18-51 from ACCL to [redacted]

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It is desired that the above be returned to the Richmond Office in order that they can be returned to [redacted] who furnished them to this office. [redacted] is a graduate of the National Academy of the FBI and is presently engaged in real estate business, [redacted]. [redacted] noted that the churches of Bristol, Va.-Tenn. are going to conduct a "Preaching Mission" in Bristol, Va., starting on February 5, 1951, and that one of the speakers is RALPH W. SOCKMAN, Minister, Christ Church (Methodist), New York, N.Y.

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The above articles are self explanatory. It is noted that neither of the above organizations is listed on the list made up by the Attorney General of the U. S. as reflected in Bureau Bulletin #61, series 1950.

It is further noted that RALPH W. SOCKMAN states that the DIRECTOR is a friend of his who had "written a stern answer to some who had been circulating these reports." Further, Mr. KAUB of the ACCL indicated that he would welcome an investigation by the FBI in answer to Mr. SOCKMAN's reply that he had called the matter to the attention of his friend, J. EDGAR HOOVER.

This office has meager information available in connection with the above two organizations and it is desired that if available, the Bureau furnish information concerning the this office. [redacted] has been advised that this Bureau cannot furnish any information to an outside individual concerning communistic activities of individuals or organizations.

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[Redacted Address]

Fort Wayne 9, Indiana

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Dear [Redacted Name]:

Your letter of April 22, 1951, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance in connection with your request for information, I wish to advise that it has been a long-standing policy, promulgated at the direction of the Attorney General, to maintain the files of this Bureau as confidential and available for official use only.

I am sure you will understand the reasons necessitating the adoption of this policy. No inference, of course, should be drawn that we do, or do not, have the desired information in our files because of my inability to be of assistance.

For your added information the FBI is an investigative agency and its jurisdiction does not extend to the classification or designation of individuals or organizations as being subversive upon the basis of information obtained by this Bureau in discharging its authorized responsibilities.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

cc: Indianapolis (with copies of incoming)

Bureau indices negative re correspondent.

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April 22, 1951

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Chief,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I would appreciate it very much if you would give me some information. If my request should have been directed to some other Government agency, I would be grateful if you would pass it along.

My question is: Just what IS the AMERICAN COUNCIL OF CHRISTIAN LAYMEN, Madison, Wisconsin? Is this a Christian and patriotic organization, as it purports to be, or is it made up of radicals with more than a pink tinge, a subversive group which distributes literature aimed at disrupting church, educational and patriotic organizations and causing doubt and disunity in our country?

I attended not long ago a regular meeting of a well-known and long-respected women's organization, of which I am a member. The speaker of the afternoon was a local man named Luther Meyers, obtained, I believe, through one of the American Legion posts. Our program was on "Americanism" and he was asked to speak on that topic. He spoke fervently, forcefully and convincingly on Communism; how it has infiltrated into some of our best groups, schools, churches, etc. He cited case facts, read out names and was particularly vociferous in his denunciation of the FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES, now known as the NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES. A great amount of literature was passed around--some of it to be passed back to him, some to be retained by us. One paper was "HOW RED IS THE FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES?", published by the above-named Madison organization. I sent for and received three copies, together with other literature, and now seem to be on their mailing list as I have since received their newspaper "CHALLENGE" and various other data, including the usual requests for donations to their cause. As a churchwoman and patriotic citizen, I was greatly disturbed by the accusations in the "HOW RED" pamphlet, as were most of the women present. I discussed it with my clergyman. He had seen the literature, he said, and while he believed that Communists had infiltrated into most organizations, including churches, he did not view the pamphlet with alarm inasmuch as many of these "denounced" church and political leaders had expressed pro-Russia sentiments some time ago, when Russia was our ally and when everyone was trying to find something good to say about Russia. He also stated that he had heard Mr. Meyers speak, considered him "vicious", and that the AMERICAN COUNCIL OF CHRISTIAN LAYMEN was a "vicious organization". I personally know of two other women who also went to their respective clergymen for guidance in this matter and had similar answers.

I am writing because I want to know something about this Madison group and whether their propaganda is true or false. Surely, if it is vicious, some way could be found to discredit them. If the FCC org, rather than the NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IS harbouring leaders listed as belonging to "Communist" or "front" organizations, then the public should be informed by some other unimpeachable authority--so that the NCC would not continue to be supported by all Protestant bodies, as is the present situation. Since our country was never more in need of

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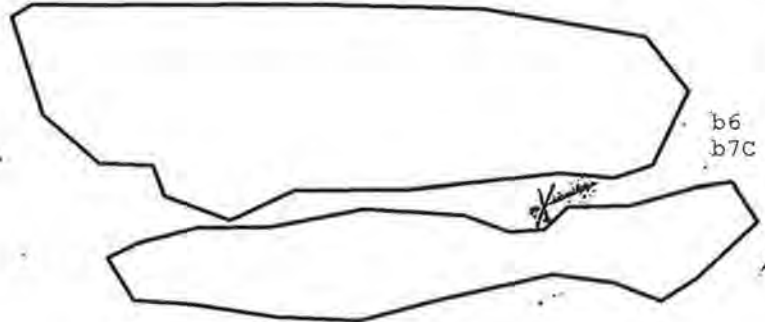
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strength and unity, men and women of good will should NOT be left in doubt as to which are the forces of evil and which are the good. I am fully aware that you and others of our nation's leaders are today confronted with critical issues demanding immediate attention--but certainly the millions of church people who look to the NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES for leadership cannot be dismissed as unimportant. As everyone knows, the voice of the clergy is one of the great forces in our land---and we WANT to believe.

It seems to me that through all this confusing and troubling problem, only one fact stands out as being unmistakably clear: That one or the other of these two groups is working against national unity. Which are we to believe? Isn't there some way in which patriotic citizens can be given the truth--and not have to go on listening to the pot calling the kettle black?

Very truly yours,



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Veronah, New Jersey

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Dear [redacted]:

Your letter of June 15, 1951, has been received and I appreciate the interest which prompted your writing me.

Although I would like very much to be of service a policy of long standing requires that information in the files of this Bureau be kept confidential and available for official use only. I know you will understand the reason for this rule and will draw no conclusion as to whether we do or do not have the desired data in view of my inability to be of assistance.

In this regard it is suggested you may desire to communicate with the Better Business Bureau at 1417 Sanson Street, Philadelphia 2, Pennsylvania.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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NOTE: Files reflect that the National Council for American Education has as its ostensible purpose to "eradicate socialism and communism from the schools and colleges." The NYC office advised that the organization is [redacted] whose defunct "American Patriots Inc." was declared fascistic and subversive by the Attorney General. Columnist [redacted] has referred to [redacted] as a "hate-monger who is promoting new rackets." (62-87760)

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# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## Wenonah, New Jersey

W. R. TAYLOR, PASTOR

MANSE: 6 PRINCETON AVENUE - PHONE: 8-0305-W  
STUDY PHONE: 8-0211

\*June 15

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

Will you please give me some information regarding the following organizations: The National Council For American Education, Addressed 420 Lexington Ave and 1 Maiden Lane, New York City; Also American Council of Christian Laymen, Madison 1, Wis.

Both of these groups are doing considerable writing on the subject of Communism with much of it being aimed at Federal Council of Churches, and at some of the men who are members of that organizations leadership.

[redacted] the Presbyterian Church USA I want to do all I can to promote freedom and real American democracy. I will appreciate your telling me who is on the boards of these two named groups and what their purpose as organizations are.

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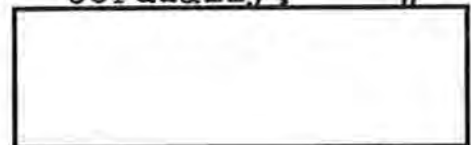
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Dear [Redacted]:

Your letter dated September 15, 1951, together with the material you forwarded, has been received.

I wish to advise, however, that it is not possible for the FBI to evaluate the data you enclosed. May I take this occasion to advise that the FBI is strictly an investigative, fact-finding agency and at no time draws conclusions from its investigations. I also want to point out that a long-standing policy established for this Bureau holds our files confidential and available for official use only.

No inference, of course, should be drawn that we do, or do not, have data concerning the organization you mentioned. I am returning your enclosure at this time together with some additional material which I thought you might like to read.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Enclosure  
Mr. Hoover's Statement 3-26-47  
10 Questions and Answers on the FBI  
Foe to Freedom  
Unmasking the Communist Masquerader

NOTE: Correspondent enclosed a leaflet entitled "How Red Is The Federal Council of Churches?" American Council of Christian Laymen, 122 W. Washington Avenue, Madison 1, Wisconsin.

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J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Material has come to my attention which I would like to clear up in my thinking. Would it be possible for some branch of the FBI to evaluate the enclosed material for me. Also, I am wondering if you have any information about the American Council of Christian Layman. If the FBI cannot answer my query, could you direct me to another reliable source for evaluation.

I am a school teacher and a student at the University of Michigan. I am asking for this information only for my own enlightenment. I will thank you in advance for your assistance.

Yours truly

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Ames, Iowa

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter dated February 18, 1952, together with enclosure, has been received.

While I would like to be of assistance in connection with your inquiry, I must advise that in accordance with a Departmental regulation data contained in the files of this Bureau is maintained as confidential and for official use only. No inference should be drawn because of my inability to be of assistance that we do or do not have in our files the information you have requested.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

cc: Omaha

Bureau files contain no record of correspondent.

Correspondent submitted to the Bureau a pamphlet entitled "How Red Is The Federal Council of Churches?" issued by the American Council of Christian Laymen, Madison, Wisconsin. He inquired as to the truth of the statements in this pamphlet.

The Bureau has received numerous inquiries concerning this pamphlet as well as the Federal Council of Churches. An investigation confined to contacts with informants was conducted by the New York Office in 1950; however, no data was developed indicating any Communist or subversive activities on the part of this organization. The pamphlet attempts to show that the Federal Council is Communist and includes a statement of the Director which is accurate although incomplete and is taken from his statement before the Un-American Activities Committee.

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Ames, Iowa  
February 18, 1952

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed is a pamphlet concerning the affiliation of the "National Council of Churches" with the Communist front organizations in the United States. How much of this pamphlet is truth?

Gratefully yours,

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P.S. It is not necessary to return the pamphlet with your reply. F.B.W.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

For some time we have been receiving vitriolic literature from the ~~American Council of Christian Laymen~~, denouncing many of our Methodist leaders, and the ~~National Council of Churches~~. I have read their material and found it full of misinterpretations and misrepresentations. A few days ago, I wrote to their president, Verne Kaub, expressing my dislike of their methods of trying to prove the National Council and the Methodist Church Communistic. In my letter, I cited the example of how Dr. Ralph Sockman was unjustly accused of Communistic connections prior to his appearance at a teacher's convention at Atlantic, Iowa. It was my understanding that the matter was referred to you, and that you sent a reassuring letter to the convention officials, stating that Dr. Sockman was a personal friend of yours, and that you were certain that he was not Communistic. Mr. Kaub responded, expressing disbelief that you had made any such response. For my own satisfaction, I would like to know whether my understanding of the situation is correct.

I am writing because, as a concerned Christian, I feel that the methods employed by such organizations as the ~~American Council of Christian Laymen~~ to undermine the confidence of churchmen in their churches is a dangerous <sup>of</sup> trying to fight Communism. I would appreciate any enlightenment you could give me as to how one can learn the truth about the extent of Communistic tendency in the leadership of the Methodist churches, and in the National Council of Churches. I presume you are not free to express any opinion as to that, but perhaps you can tell me whether, in this particular instance about Dr. Sockman, I was correct in my statements.

Sincerely,

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Omaha, Nebraska

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Dear [Redacted]:

Your letter of March 6, 1952, with enclosure, has been received.

For your information, I have had occasion in the past to give my personal observations relative to Dr. Sockman's career, and I am enclosing copies of two letters I have written in this connection which may be of interest to you.

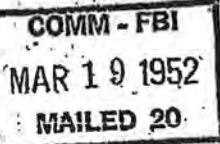
You will find enclosed some other material which may be of value to you.

The envelope which you forwarded is being returned.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director



Enclosures (7)

Letter dated 3-16-49 from Director, [Redacted] (94-37868-27)

Letter dated 3-16-49 from Director to Dr. Ralph W. Sockman (94-37868-25)

Don't Be Duped by the Communists!; God or Chaos?; How Communists Operate; Unmasking the Communist Masquerader. Stamped Air Mail Envelope

NOTE: Bufiles contain record of correspondent. Letter dated March 11, 1952, was directed to Mr. Verne P. Kaub, President of the American Council of Christian Laymen, in connection with this same subject. Kaub also was sent copies of the two letters submitted as enclosures to this outgoing.

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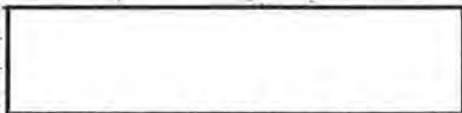
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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated March 18, 1952, with enclosure, has been received.

While I would like to be of service, I wish to advise that information in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only. I would like to point out also that the FBI is strictly a fact-finding agency, and it is not within the limits of its prescribed functions to draw conclusions or make evaluations as to the character or integrity of any organization or individual.

I know you will understand the necessity for our policy in this regard and will not infer either that we do, or do not, have the information you requested.

I am enclosing some material which you may find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosure

Director's Statement on Un-American Activities (3-26-47)

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent.

Enclosure to incoming was a pamphlet entitled "How Red Is The Federal Council of Churches?" issued by the American Council of Christian Laymen, Madison, Wisconsin.

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This Bureau has received numerous inquiries concerning this pamphlet as well as the Federal Council of Churches.

An investigation confined to contacts with informants was conducted by the New York Office in 1950; however, no data was developed indicating any Communist or subversive activities on the part of this organization. The pamphlet attempts to show that the Federal Council is Communistic and included statement of Director which is accurate, although incomplete, and is taken from his statement before the Un-American Activities Committee. (100-50869)

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March 18, 1952

J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Would you be so good as to inform me whether the information stated in the enclosed pamphlet is authentic? Can you tell me where information might be obtained as to what churches, group of churches, and church conventions currently sponsor the Federal Council of Churches?

Thank you for any information you might be able to furnish.

Very truly yours,

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter dated November 10, 1952, and the enclosure have been received, and I appreciate the interest which prompted your communication.

While I would like to be of assistance in connection with your inquiry, I must advise that in accordance with a Departmental regulation data contained in the files of this Bureau is maintained as confidential and available for official use only.

I am sure you will understand the necessity for this regulation and no inference will be drawn because of my inability to be of assistance that we do or do not have in our files the information you have requested.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

NOTE ON YELLOW ONLY:

Bureau indices negative re correspondent.

Correspondent enclosed a pamphlet entitled "How Red Is The Federal Council of Churches?" issued in 1949 by the American Council of Christian Laymen. This pamphlet previously has come to the attention of the Bureau. The Federal Council of Churches in America has not been the subject of investigation by the Bureau; however, allegations concerning Communist infiltration into this organization have been received in the past.

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First Baptist Church

586 CENTRAL AVENUE  
COOS BAY, OREGON

Nov. 10, 1952

J. Edgar Hoover

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:  
Can you tell me how authoritative the statements  
are contained in the enclosed chart, put out by  
the American Council of Christian Layman.

Sincerely,

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Dear [redacted]:

Your letter dated May 12, 1953, together with enclosure, has been received.

The interest and courtesy prompting you to bring the pamphlet you forwarded to my attention are indeed appreciated. In this connection, you may be interested in knowing that the statement attributed to me in this pamphlet is an excerpt from a statement I made on March 26, 1947, before the Committee on Un-American Activities of the United States House of Representatives. I am enclosing a copy of this statement which you might like to have. The excerpt quoted appears on page twelve and you will see, of course, when you read this passage in context that I was not making reference to any particular organization or religious denomination.

I cannot let this opportunity pass without thanking you sincerely for your kind words concerning the FBI. We of this Bureau hope that our efforts will continue to merit your esteem.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosure

Director's statement 3-26-47.

NOTE: Enclosure to incoming was a pamphlet entitled "How Red Is the Federal Council of Churches?" issued by the American Council of Christian Laymen, Madison, Wisconsin. (cont'd. on second page)

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NOTE: (cont'd.)

The Bureau has received numerous inquiries concerning this pamphlet as well as the Federal Council of Churches. An investigation confined to contact with informants was conducted by the New York Office in 1950; however, no data was developed indicating any Communist or subversive activities on the part of this organization. The pamphlet attempts to show that the Federal Council is Communistic and includes a statement of the Director which is accurate, although incomplete, and is taken from his statement before the Un-American Activities Committee. (100-50869)

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May 12, 1953

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am enclosing a pamphlet which was given to me by a friend a few days ago. This pamphlet sets out to prove that the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. is a subversive organization, dominated by Communists and fellow-travelers.

The people who prepared this pamphlet are using a quotation from you to back up their argument, although your statement does not seem to have a direct bearing on the National Council of Churches. I have outlined this statement with a pencil. The other marks in the pamphlet were put there by someone else.

I am calling this to your attention since you may not have known of it before.

I wish to express my appreciation for the fine job that the FBI is doing. We are extremely fortunate to have this outstanding organization in these perilous times.

Yours very truly,

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September 15, 1953

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Mr. Verne P. Kaub  
President  
American Council of Christian Laymen  
122 West Washington Avenue  
Madison 1, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Kaub:

Your letter of September 3, 1953, together with its enclosure, has been received.

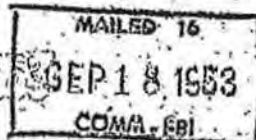
On February 3, 1951, I did, as you state, write a letter to [redacted] who had communicated with me advising that his attention had been called to the pamphlet "How Red Is the Federal Council of Churches?" He said the implication was made that I was criticizing the Federal Council of Churches and asked if my quotation which appeared in your brochure had reference to the Federal Council of Churches. I obviously made no such inference and, as you know, I told [redacted] that my quotation was taken out of context from remarks I made before the Committee on Un-American Activities of the House of Representatives on March 26, 1947. I informed him that I had never at any time made any statements criticizing the Federal Council of Churches or the National Council of Churches.

It should be clearly apparent to anyone reading my statement before the House Committee that I did not classify the ministers of the gospel I mentioned as being affiliated with any particular church or any church group.

cc - Milwaukee, with copy of ind. inf.

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Mr. Verne P. Kaub

September 15, 1953

The excerpt of my remarks before the House Committee on Un-American Activities which you enclosed is correct; however, I am enclosing a copy of my complete testimony before this Committee which I thought you might like to have.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

  
Enclosure



# American Council of Christian Laymen

122 West Washington Avenue  
Madison 1, Wisconsin

September 3, 1953

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In further attempt to discredit the work of this Council, National Council of Churches has issued a 28-page pamphlet titled Plain Facts. Page 11 of this pamphlet reproduces a letter written by you to [redacted] under date of February 3, 1951.

In this letter you state that a quotation--presumably the one used in this Council's brochure, "How Red...?" was taken out of context. NCC, in the pamphlet referred to, attempts to make this mean that your statement about ministers of the gospel promoting the evil work of Communists would have a different meaning if left in context.

If this also is your opinion, we would like an explanation of how and why this is true. As we read the statement in its context as we have it, it appears to us that the statement is even more damaging than when it stands alone.

According to the copy which we have, just prior to speaking about the ministers and others, you had been talking about the Communist Party and had declared that it is a dangerous Fifth Column. Then you asked, "What can we do?" You favored unrelenting prosecution of Communists violating our country's laws; you suggested an antidote or defense, then declared you would have no fears if more Americans would learn about Communism. Turning then to the other side of the picture you said you did fear liberal and progressive dupes who join hands with the Communists. You named first ministers, then teachers, labor leaders, and "all our people who may take the poisonous pills of Communist propaganda."

You turned again to Communists, thus putting all the liberal groups in a Communist "context," and closed with an exhortation of the Communist way of life, calling it an evil and malignant way of life.

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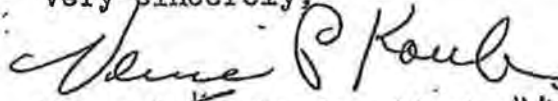
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Of course, I wish to be certain that we are talking about the same things, so I send, attached hereto, a rather complete copy of the latter part of your statement to the House Committee as we have it in our files. If our version is not correct, please send us a correct copy as you did to .

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Whether or not our copy is correct, please do not ignore or evade our request for your reasons, if you have such, for maintaining that your statement about clergymen has a different and presumably "milder" meaning than when read in context.

Very sincerely,



Verne P. Kaub, President Wise  
American Council of Christian Laymen

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J. Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, appeared before the House Committee on Un-American Activities on March 27, 1947, and made a statement for the record.

In the latter part of his address, he outlined 14 tests of the character of an organization suspected of being a Communist front. He declared that the Communist party is a fifth column in the United States and quoted two top functionaries of the Party in support of the statement. He then continued:

"What can we do? And what should be our course of action? The best antidote to Communism is vigorous intelligent, old-fashioned Americanism with eternal vigilance. I do not favor any course of action which would give the Communists' cause to portray and pity themselves as martyrs. I do favor unrelenting prosecution wherever they are found to be violating our country's laws.

"As Americans, our most effective defense is a workable democracy that guarantees and preserves our cherished freedoms.

"I would have no fears if more Americans possessed the zeal, the fervor, the persistence and the industry to learn about this menace of Red Fascism. I do fear for the liberal and progressive who has been duped into joining hands with the Communists. I confess to a real apprehension so long as Communists are able to secure ministers of the gospel to promote their evil work and espouse a cause that is alien to the religion of Christ and Judaism. I do fear so long as school boards and parents tolerate conditions whereby Communists and fellow travelers under the guise of academic freedom can teach our youth a way of life that eventually will destroy the sanctity of the home, that undermines faith in God, that causes them to scorn respect for constituted authority and sabotage our revered Constitution. (added underlining)

"I do fear so long as American labor groups are infiltrated, dominated or saturated with the virus of Communism. I do fear the palliation and weasel-worded gestures against Communism indulged in by some of our labor leaders who should know better but who have become pawns in the hands of sinister but astute manipulators for the Communist cause.

"I fear for ignorance on the part of all our people who may take the poisonous pills of Communist propaganda.

"I am deeply concerned whenever I think of the words of an old-time Communist. Disillusioned, disgusted and frightened he came to us with his story and concluded:

" 'God help America or any other country if the Communist party ever gets strong enough to control labor and politics. God help us all! '

"The Communists have been, still are and always will be a menace to freedom, to democratic ideals, to the worship of God and to America's way of life.

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"I feel that once public opinion is thoroughly aroused as it is today, the fight against Communism is well on its way. Victory will be assured once Communists are identified and exposed, because the public will take the first step of quarantining them so they can do no harm. Communism, in reality, is not a political Party. It is a way of life. It reveals a condition akin to disease that spreads like an epidemic and like an epidemic a quarantine is necessary to keep it from infecting the Nation."

(end statement)

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: September 11, 1953

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: VERNE P. KAUB  
 PRESIDENT  
 AMERICAN COUNCIL OF CHRISTIAN LAYMEN  
 MADISON, WISCONSIN

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SYNOPSIS:

On 9-3-53, Verne P. Kaub, President of American Council of Christian Laymen indicated the National Council of Churches was attempting to discredit his group. The point of issue concerns a statement which the American Council of Christian Laymen included in a brochure captioned "How Red Is the Federal Council of Churches?" This statement was taken from the Director's testimony before the HCUA 3-27-47 and relates to Mr. Hoover's fears "so long as Communists are able to send ministers of the gospel to promote their evil work..!" A number of people have received the impression from this pamphlet "How Red..." that the Director is criticizing the Federal Council of Churches which, of course, is not true in fact. Kaub makes reference to a letter the Director wrote to one [redacted] in which the Director pointed out to [redacted] that his statement in "How Red..." was taken out of context. Kaub asked if this is true and why it is true. Detailed background information re controversy between the National Council of Churches and American Council of Christian Laymen is set forth in details.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that attached letter be forwarded to Kaub in which it is pointed out that the Director has at no time inferred that the Federal Council of Churches was a Communist or Communist-front group.

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Memo to Mr. Nichols

September 11, 1953

DETAILS:

In letter dated September 3, 1953, Kaub advised that the National Council of Churches was attempting to discredit the work of the American Council of Christian Laymen and advised that a pamphlet "Plain Facts" issued by the National Council of Churches reproduces a letter written by the Director to [redacted] dated February 3, 1951. (The National Council of Churches was formerly known as the Federal Council of Churches.)

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Kaub goes on to say that the Director in his letter to [redacted] states that his quotation which appears in the brochure "How Red Is the Federal Council of Churches?" is taken out of context and then Kaub points out that the National Council of Churches in "Plain Facts" attempts to make this mean that the Director's statement about ministers of the gospel promoting the evil work of Communists would have a different meaning if left in context. Kaub wants to know if this is the Director's opinion, asks for an explanation of how and why this is true. He goes on to state that "as we read the statement in its context as we have it, it appears to us that the statement is even more damaging than when it stands alone."

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The statement in question is as follows "I confess to a real apprehension, so long as Communists are able to secure ministers of the gospel to promote their evil work." This statement was taken from the Director's testimony before the HCUA on 3-27-47 and was lifted from a paragraph wherein the Director stated that he would have no fears if Americans possessed the zeal to learn more about the menace of Red Fascism. In the statement before the HCUA, the Director also noted that he had "fear for the liberal and progressive who has been hoodwinked and duped into joining hands with the Communists."

✓ It is apparent that there has been a running feud between the American Council of Christian Laymen headed by Kaub and the Federal Council of Churches. The Bureau has received numerous inquiries from individuals who have read "How Red Is the Federal Council of Churches?" which brochure was issued by the ~~National~~ American Council of Christian Laymen. This brochure concerns itself solely with attacking the Federal Council of Churches and it includes the one statement of the Director referred to above. As a result, widespread misunderstanding has arisen because people have received the inference that the Director is critical of the Federal Council of Churches. In this regard, the Bureau has not investigated the Federal Council of Churches and contact with informants in sources in New York fail to reveal that this council is in any way subversive.

Memo to Mr. Nichols

September 11, 1953

On January 26, 1951, [redacted], who identified himself as a Presbyterian elder from Roanoke, Virginia, wrote the Director, said he had read "How Red Is the Federal Council of Churches" and further advised that the implication in this pamphlet was that the Director was criticizing the Federal Council of Churches and he then inquired if this Federal Council was a Communist or a Communist-front organization. By letter of February 3, 1951, the Director advised [redacted] that his statement as set forth in the pamphlet "How Red Is the Federal Council of Churches" was taken out of context from his remarks before the HCUA. The Director added also that at no time had he ever made any statements criticizing the Federal Council of Churches. It is apparent that [redacted] made this letter available to the Federal Council of Churches who in turn utilized it in their pamphlet "Plain Facts."

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✓ Kaub previously wrote the Bureau on 3-1-52 regarding Dr. Ralph W. Sockman. Kaub said Sockman alleged to have a letter from the Director absolving him (Sockman) from any Communist taint. Kaub said his group (American Council of Christian Laymen) had information indicating Sockman was affiliated with some Communist-front groups. On 3-11-52, the Director advised Kaub that Dr. Sockman had spoken before the FBI National Academy and he would not have invited him to make such an address unless he thought Sockman to be a loyal citizen.

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# American Council of Christian Laymen

122 West Washington Avenue  
Madison 1, Wisconsin

September 15, 1953

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Miss Gandy	_____

RA  
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Under date of September 3, 1953, I wrote you asking for an explanation as to whether or not your statement that the quotation in "How Red..." was taken out of context means that your meaning was changed, and if so, why.

Also, I wrote in explanation of the context in which the statement appeared in the copy of your statement which I have, and asked that if there was any suspicion that my copy had been in any way garbled, that you send me a correct copy, as you did for [redacted].

I have had no reply to this letter.

I admit the possibility that you might be out of the city or pressed with other matters, but this is an important matter, and I have assumed that your secretary could have attended to the matter of sending me a copy of your statement.

May I not hear from you at early date?

Very sincerely,

*Verne P. Kaub*

Verne P. Kaub, President  
American Council of Christian Laymen

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Dear [Redacted]:

Your letter dated January 28, 1954, has been received.

While I would like to be of service, I must advise that data in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only. I would also like to point out that the FBI is strictly a fact-finding agency and does not draw conclusions or make evaluations as to the character and integrity of any organization, publication or individual.

I know you will understand the reason for these rules and will not infer either that we do or that we do not have the information you requested.

If you believe that you have information of interest to the FBI, please feel free to communicate with the representatives of our office at 215 United States Post Office and Court House Building, Cincinnati 1, Ohio.

In view of your interest, it is a pleasure to enclose material which I thought you might like to read.

Sincerely yours,

DEPT. OF JUSTICE  
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John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Communist Threat in U. S.

Could Your Child Become a Red?

Make The Communists Show Their Own Colors!

How to Fight Communism

God or Chaos?

Breaking the Communist Spell

Director's statement--March 26, 1947

Communism in the U. S. A., 100 Things You Should Know About

*Marysville, Ohio*

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28 January 1954

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have been reading and liking ~~pro-American~~ books and pamphlets distributed by the ~~National Council for American Education~~, 1 Maiden Lane, N. Y. 38, N. Y. and those from the American Council of Christian Laymen, 122 W. Washington Ave., Madison 1, Wisconsin. (y)

A friend has asked, "How do you know these aren't communist organizations for the specific purpose of stirring up trouble?" Please give me your opinion.

What about the ~~Ohio Coalition of Patriotic Societies, Inc.~~, University Station, Box 3111, Columbus 10, Ohio? Is this a reliable source?

I'm 37, a former teacher and office worker, married, have two girls and we're Presbyterians. For the last year I have studied our church literature carefully and thoroughly and am convinced the material is communistic. This Sunday School material is "The New Life Movement". Our Women's Association material is "Christ Calls Us", "Within These Borders", "Who" and "Foreign Missions Study".

Do you have readers in your department who read and evaluate such literature returning same with comments and reports? Do you have any information I could have on how to detect communistic literature?

Please let me know if you do have readers, so that I may send some of the literature in immediately; or do you already have a report on it? You are the only reliable authority.

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To Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

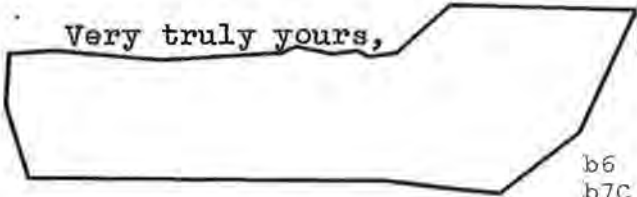
One of our lay "women" and former Sunday School teacher complained, but was told by the minister not to have "any more such outbursts". I have been criticizing the material for three years, because I believe in the Lincoln quote "To sin by silence when they should protest makes cowards of men".

My husband is a church elder, his father and grandfather helped a great deal to build the church and we've been very active in both services given and contributions.

I can not conscientiously go on until I know the truth, and until a statement from you is forthcoming on this issue, for I feel that the children and good American church people are being indoctrinated.

If this material is subversive, what is the best way for "one" individual to go about getting a change? Would it be wrong to distribute the before mentioned pamphlets to the church session members? Or has this thing gone too far to defeat?

I will greatly appreciate your authoritative answer soon.

Very truly yours,  


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Marysville, Ohio

8 February 1954

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington 25, D. C.

*American Council  
of Christian Leaders*

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you for your personal interest and  
letter of February 4.

*Madison  
Ind. C.*

The material you enclosed is sincerely  
appreciated.

Very truly yours,

[Redacted Signature]

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

NOTE: The 3¢ stamp enclosed by the correspondent is being utilized in reply. She desired information concerning the American Council of Christian Laymen of 122 West Washington Avenue, Madison 1, Wisconsin, and the Christian Nationalist Crusade, Post Office Box 27895, Los Angeles 27, California. Bufile 100432 reflects that the Bureau has received numerous inquiries concerning a pamphlet entitled "How Red Is the Federal Council of Churches?" issued by the American Council of Christian Laymen, Madison, Wisconsin, as well as the Federal Council of Churches. An investigation confined to contacts with

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
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Dear [redacted]:

Your letter dated May 28, 1954, and the enclosures have been received. The motives prompting your communication are indeed appreciated.

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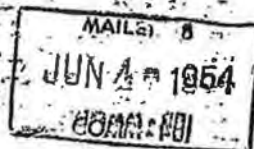
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Bureau indices negative regarding correspondent.

Correspondent forwarded material issued by the American Council of Christian Laymen attacking the Federal Council of Churches (FCC). Bufiles reflect there has been a running feud between these two groups and the Bureau has received numerous inquiries regarding the matter. The Bureau has not investigated FCC.

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While it purports to be fighting Communism to me it has the earmarks of an  
underground organization designed to foster disagreement and discontent among  
good Americans.

If you have any information about this organization I would appreciate hear-  
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Sincerely,



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The Federal Council of Churches and all the hierarchies in control of the Council's affiliated Churches. Having merged with a dozen other inter-demoninational agencies, tightening its control over them, FCC now operates under the name National Council of the Churches of Christ in U. S. A.

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Let Us Protestants Awake! 64-page book by (the late) Reuben H. Markham, American Board missionary who turned to journalism and became internationally recognized expert on Balkan affairs. He wrote this book in 1948, after being expelled from Rumania, as a contribution to Christian Americanism — a plea to Protestants to strive mightily to preserve American Freedom. 50 cents per copy; 5 copies, \$2.00; \$35.00 per 100; \$300.00 per 1,000.

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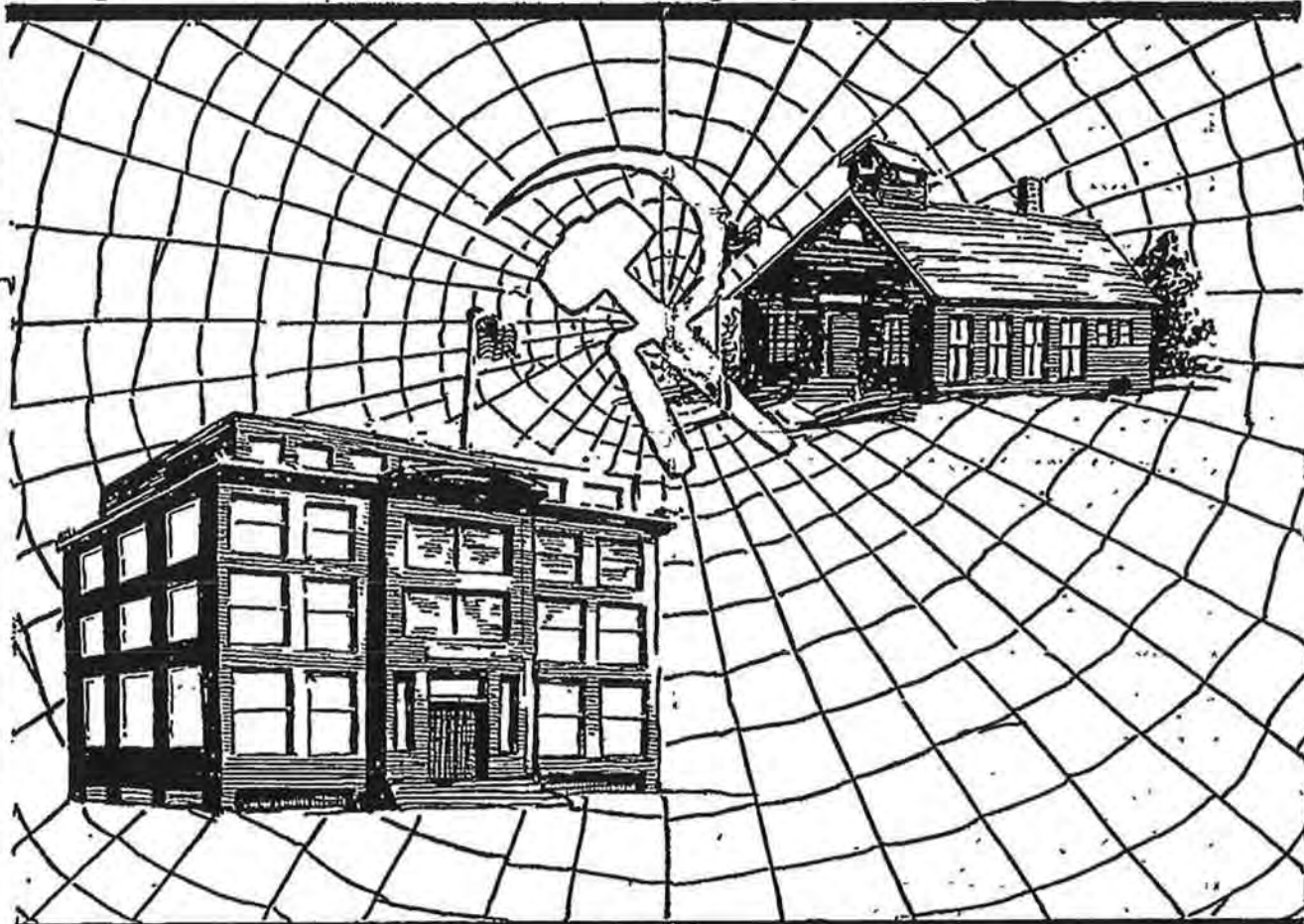
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So-called progressive education, endorsed without reservation of any kind by NEA, is based on un-American and anti-American atheistic philosophies. Progressive education is not in truth progressive, but worse than reactionary, actually subversive—so declares the author after presenting the evidence found in official NEA publications.

Progressive education means the "training" of young Americans to understand that they must not be subject to discipline, must never need to learn to obey.

Progressive education means that youth must not be subject to possible frustrations through engaging in scholastic or other competition.

Progressive education means instruction of youth by teachers who believe that satisfaction of human desires is the chief aim of life, and that in the search for this satisfaction, people should not be deterred by any of the ancient taboos which are part and parcel of religious beliefs.

Fantastic? It is all spelled out in the official writings of NEA policy makers.

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Founders of the American republic did not in fact establish a republic but founded a democracy;

The founders were members of a relentless autocracy which wrote a constitution with the express purpose of enslaving the "common people";

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Glimmerings of real freedom for mankind can be seen plainly enough if America will but look toward the Russian Soviets and observe what has been accomplished there.

Grotesque? Yes, tragically so. But the sentiments expressed in the four paragraphs above will be found in quotations from official NEA writings which are published in this book.

To NEA policy makers the public schools of America are not merely a place where the next generation can be indoctrinated



*Milwaukee Journal* as field editorial representative for eighteen months. For eleven years he was on the editorial staff of the Fond du Lac (Wis.) *Commonwealth Reporter*, and spent the last fourteen years of his active business life with the Wisconsin Power and Light Company in personnel and public relations work.

Soon after his retirement in 1949, Mr. Kaub took a leading part in organization of American Council of Christian Laymen, which he serves as president. Also he is vice-president in charge of research for National Council for American Education, and represented that Council in a symposium, "The Textbook in America," in *Saturday Review* for April 19, 1952.

✓ The author's first book, *Collectivism Challenges Christianity*, Light and Life Press, 1946, was hailed as "the most widely reviewed book of the decade," and he is author of many widely circulated pamphlets. Among his more recent pamphlets are *The Yale Whitewash*, *Satan Goes to School*, and *Follies, Fallacies and Falsehoods of TVA*.

While Mr. Kaub claims no particular qualifications as critic of educational policies other than his editorial experience, he has had rather unusual opportunities to know about schools. During all his grade and high school years, his mother was a teacher in public schools and he taught one term in a rural one-room school. One of his principal assignments during his service with *The Milwaukee Journal* was to keep in close touch with schools and teacher training colleges, and while at Fond du Lac he was in daily contact with a training school for rural teachers.

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with the Communist-Socialist ideology; rather, they are convenient tools for use in actually bringing about the collectivist state envisioned by the pedagogical dreamers.

Revelations in this book will shock the men and women who send their children to public schools and pay taxes to meet the cost of subversive teaching to which all too many public school pupils are subjected.

In his closing paragraphs the author expresses the hope that his book will do something toward awakening the rank and file of American teachers to the real meaning of the things which the policy makers of NEA are asking them to introduce into school curricula.

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*Following the Communist-Socialist "line"*  
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## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

✓ VERNE PAUL KAUB was born in 1884 in Harrison, Michigan, and attended graded schools in that city and Rensselaer, Indiana, where he graduated from high school in 1902. He was a member of the Class of 1907 of the University of Wisconsin for two years.

As a young man Mr. Kaub worked as a surveyor, salesman, machine shop worker and newspaper reporter. Except for three years in magazine circulation promotion, he was continuously in editorial work from 1913 to 1935. He was editor of the Watertown (Wis.) *Daily Times* during World War I, and served *The*

## MAHATMA GANDHI

Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father, and the Son.  
—1 John 2:22

See also

—Rom. 10:9, 10

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.  
—John 3:36

Gandhi's life and death were all of a piece: he lived a martyr, and he died a martyr. He died on the altar of "all," and he will be remembered by all as long as there is an India and a humanity. . . . There was another pair of opposites that came to a living blend in the Mahatma: he was a Hindu who was deeply Christian. He was fundamentally a Hindu. The roots of his spiritual life were not in Christ; they were in the Bhagava-Gita. And yet in spite of his constant protests against the Christian faith as represented in the missionary movement in India, he was more Christianized than most Christians. . . . And so one of the most Christlike men in history was not called a Christian at all. And the man who fought Christian civilization, so-called, furthered the real thing. God uses many instruments, and he used Mahatma Gandhi to help Christianize unchristian Christianity. . . . I don't care what he says about it; by his life and death, he points us to Him.

—Mahatma Gandhi

## A FEW RANDOM QUOTES:

On advice to High School students:

"If you are a member of the Jewish faith, I would suggest that you go home and talk to your rabbi and say to him, 'I'm committed. I see what I must do: I'm going to give myself to God and the Temple.' If you have a Roman Catholic heritage, go home and say to your priest, 'I'm committed, I'm going to give myself to God and to the Church. . . .'"

p 150 The Christ of the American Road

On Modernism and Fundamentalism:

"... Both fundamentalism and modernism belong to the Kingdom, 'like a householder who produces what is new (modernism) and what is old (fundamentalism) from his stores; . . . both emphases are necessary.'"

p 220 The Christ of the American Road

On Graven Images:

"As I walked up the aisle of the Cathedral in Copenhagen to see the wonderful statue, Thorwaldsen's 'Christ,' I was almost overcome with awe as I saw the Figure with the soft light upon it dominating the whole cathedral. But as I walked along a Danish friend whispered: 'You will not be able to see His face unless you kneel at His feet.' It was true, for He was standing with outstretched arms looking at those at His feet. So I knelt at His feet and lo, His face was looking into mine."

p 47 Victorious Living

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American Council of Christian Laymen  
122 West Washington Avenue  
Madison 1, Wisconsin

# Scriptural Refutations Of Teachings Of E. Stanley Jones

Methodist Missionary and Preacher for the  
National Council of Churches.



All references cited from King James Version.



# THE BIBLE

# DR. JONES

"I and, my Father are one."

—John 10:30

"Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day; and he saw it, and was glad. Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham? Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am."

(Cf Ex. 3:14)

—John 8:58-59

See Also:

Rev. 19:11-13

Mal. 3:6

1 Tim. 2:5

As soon then as He (Jesus) had said unto them, I AM, they (Judas and soldiers) went backward, and fell to the ground.

—John 18:6

And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of Man which is in heaven.

—John 3:13

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

—John 14:6

For in Him (Jesus) dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

—Col. 2:9

See Also:

—John 14:5-11

—Rom. 3:10-12

—Acts 4:11, 12

—1 Cor. 8:6, 8

How much more shall the blood of Christ (Son), who through the eternal Spirit (Spirit) offered himself without spot to God (Father), purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

—Heb. 9:14

NOTE: Observe how the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are shown to exist as the Triune God by this Scripture and Matt. 3:16, 17.

NOTE: (1) By employing such phrases as "practically no difference," "realities of experience," Jones exalts human experience to the place of ABSOLUTE. The Word of God, for Jones, stands or falls as it agrees or disagrees with human experience.

(2) "Had become" and "grew up" indicate that, for Mr. Jones, the Word of God had its origin in the mind of man.

(3) "Not out of formal thought, but out of the realities of experience" is a statement suggesting that these are the only two alternatives by which men received the Word of God, thereby tacitly denying the plenary verbal inspiration of the Scriptures as taught in II Pet. 1:21, and II Tim. 3:16.

## FATHER

"Even the morally advanced Hebrews depicted God in ways which now make the Christian conscience question. A mother, explaining to her little girl about the murder of the Amalekites at the command of God said that Revelation was progressive, culminating in Christ, who taught us to love our enemies. To this the little girl replied, 'Now I see; this back here was before God was a Christian.' She had something!"

—p. 18 Christ of the American Road

His method of omnipotence was the cross. Henceforth they (disciples) could no longer call the Divine by the name of "Jehovah" and "the Lord God of Hosts," for these names seemed to recall too much of the physical and military force associated with him in the old days.

—p. 192 Christ of Every Road

## SON

The meeting place of this upward movement (man's search after God) and this downward movement (God's search after man) is Christ. He is man ascending and God descending—the Son of man, the Son of God. Since he is the meeting place of the two sides of religion, He becomes its definition. To one hundred and fifty definitions we add one more: Christ.

—p. 18 Abundant Living

We could therefore rejoice in finding truth anywhere, knowing that it was God-implanted and would be God-fulfilled in Christ. We know that Jesus was not the enemy of truth, found anywhere, but would lovingly gather it up in himself and fulfill it.

—p. 63 Mahatma Gandhi

## HOLY SPIRIT

The Spirit of God had become so blended with the person of Christ that there is practically no difference for Paul between the indwelling Spirit and the indwelling Christ and he can indeed speak of the Lord the Spirit. Thus a doctrine of the Trinity grew up, not out of formal thought, but out of the realities of experience.

—p. 55 The Christ of Every Road

# THE BIBLE

# DR. JONES

## RESURRECTION, HEAVEN, HELL

Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

—John 5:28, 29.

If Paul had been raised in resurrection and was in heaven, he didn't know it. See II Cor. 5:1-8.

## KINGDOM OF GOD

For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.

—I Cor. 2:2

Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.

—John 18:36

When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take Him by force, to make Him a king, he departed again into a mountain Himself alone.

—John 6:15

See Also:

—John 3:3

—John 3:5

The visions of the prophets (opposite column) are degraded by Jones to the level of human ideological dreaming, fantasies of deceived deceivers. Their hope of the coming Messiah is scorned in deliberate rejection of Jesus' answer to John the Baptist's query "Art thou He, or do we look for another?" (See Matt. 11:4-5 and John 1:11)—He came unto His own and His own received Him not.

It is often said that only those elements in Christianity which are expressible in and through human experience are likely to influence an age which openly revolts against dogma. True, but there is little in the New Testament that these Christians (disciples) were not finding in experience. God? They knew him! Miracles? They themselves were miracles! Resurrection? They had gone through it! Heaven? They were living in it! . . .

p. 14 The Christ of Every Road

To preach the Person without the Kingdom makes religion degenerate into a private affair between you and your personal Saviour.

p. 41 The Christ of the American Road . . . Then two great powers will be left: America embodying individualism and Russia embodying collectivism. America represents individualism at its best, and Russia collectivism at its best. Two great systems face each other. In mortal combat as to which will master the world? Yes, unless they both decide to change and make a new man out of both parties. . . . In that reconciliation on a higher level each will contribute something to the other. For each by itself is incomplete. A combination of individualism and collectivism will give us what we need. We will probably give to Russia the first commandment; "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God," and they will give to us the second, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

p. 130 The Christ of the American Road

So men have dreamed and planned for a new order. Plato with his Republic; the Hindus with their Satya Yuga, the Age of Truth; Moore with his Utopia; Bellamy "Looking Backward;" H. G. Wells dreaming of "The Shape of Things to Come;" Mahatma Gandhi with his Rama Rajya, the Kingdom of Rama; the Hebrew prophets who looked and longed for the new order when man should beat their swords into plowshares, when righteousness should cover the earth as the waters cover the sea—ALL THESE WERE UNDER THE DIVINE DISCONTENT AND CALL . . . But alas, like many another longing for a deliverer, their hopes were dashed, for Cortez (whom the Aztecs mistook for their deliverer) was rapacious rather than redemptive. The Hebrews too believed that their Messiah would come and his coming would mean their deliverance and the beginning of a new day.

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The American Council of Christian Laymen is responsible for the brochure "How Red is the Federal Council of Churches" which quoted from the Director's testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in 1947 stating that the Director had fears "so long as the Communists are able to send ministers of the gospel to promote their evil work." This quotation was used out of context to infer that certain individuals affiliated with the Federal Council of Churches were subversive, and much controversy among Christian laymen has resulted from this publication. Verne P. Kaub, President of the American Council of Christian Laymen has written August 21 letters to the Director relative to the use of the above quotation by his group. (94-1-14921; 94-37868-37 and 62-100432) [initials]

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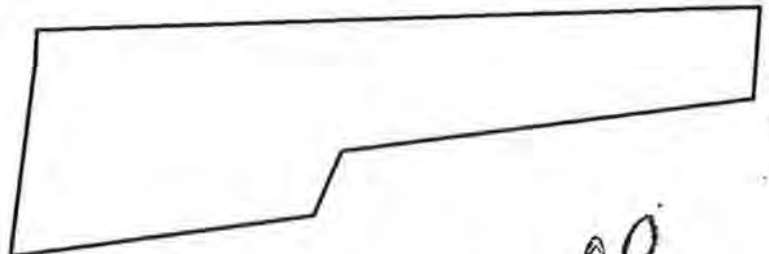
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

With so many subversive agencies at work in our country, one hardly knows where to go for reliable information, so that is why I am writing to you. Is it permissible for the people at large to know who is who and what is what, concerning subversive individuals or organizations? It seems to me that if people are informed, there would not be so many falling in to the snares of these "off color" Americans and others who would ruin our country. Could you give me information concerning Verne P. Kaub and his organization, AMERICAN COUNCIL OF CHRISTIAN LAYMEN, 112 W. Washington Ave. Madison, Wisconsin. And please tell me how to check for reliable information on people and organizations.

I am a Sunday school teacher and spend much time teaching the Bible which I believe is the basic need of our nation but I am, occasionally confronted with the above questions and would like to be better informed. I will appreciate your help.

Yours truly,



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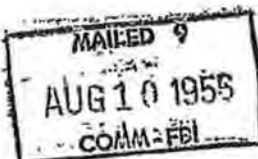
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Sincerely,

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## CHALLENGE

Shall We Follow  
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or Leaders of  
Atheistic Communism?

Vol. 5, No. 2

December, 1956

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### Leadership Types Groups' Character

"How Red is the Federal-National Council of Churches?" is a six-page brochure printed in two colors and bearing the imprint of American Council of Christian Laymen.

This brochure lists 46 Communist-front, Socialist and ultra-pacifist organizations, all devoted to propaganda or activities aimed at destruction of human liberty, all anti-Christian in their teachings and practices.

Also named are 48 leaders and prominent members of FCC at the time of first publication of the brochure, October, 1949. The affiliations of these 48 men with the 46 listed organizations are indicated by numbers after their names as listed alphabetically in the brochure.

In the more than seven years since this brochure was first published it has gone through scores of printings and has been distributed in thousands of communities in every state in the Union and in many foreign countries.

### Brochure Packs Punch

Impact of this brochure has been tremendous. Admittedly it has been a principal factor in keeping FCC-NCC on the defensive for seven years. ACCL was only three months old when FCC sent to press and began wide distribution of an elaborate pamphlet, aimed at discrediting ACCL and John T. Flynn, whose book, *The Road Ahead*, with one chapter devoted to the pro-Communist activities of FCC, had been published only a few months before "How Red . . ." was first circulated.

About three years later, another elaborate pamphlet was published and broadcast by NCC, and this pamphlet was devoted entirely to smears of ACCL and its officers.

Why "How Red . . ." had such devastating effect is not hard to understand. It was clear to every reader that leadership of FCC-NCC is shot through with pro-Communism.

Only one conclusion is possible: if the leadership of an organization has been infiltrated by Communism, the organization must be subject to Communist influences because the

### Communism and Socialism: Marxian Twins

by  
Verne P. Kaub

Karl Marx wrote the Communist Manifesto in 1848 for guidance of Communists of the entire world. He argued that Communists are the true, or scientific Socialists, and advised violent, revolutionary programs as the only practical way to bring about the principal Communist-Socialist objective, which is state ownership of all business and industry, including the farms.

Followers of Marx, operating in the 20th century, do not reject any of their idol's doctrines, but they have added indirect methods and procedures. Marxists now argue that if, when the day of revolution comes, the state owns or controls important sections of the economy, final destruction of the free enterprise system will be just that much easier.

Capture of the key industry of the nation, electric service, was set as the first goal of "Socialism in our time." Real progress is being made. In 1934 only 7½ per cent of the electric generating capacity of the nation was state-owned. In 1954, only 20 years later, 23 per cent of the nation's electric generating facilities were owned by municipalities, states and the federal government.

American Council of Christian Laymen  
Madison 1, Wisconsin  
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character of any group is determined by the character of its leadership.

"Birds of a feather flock together." Hence, exposure of the Communist-front affiliations of the leadership of FCC-NCC was one of the best ways to disclose

to the public the true nature of that organization.

Men also disclose their sympathies and opinions in their writings and public utterances, though often, in the case of Communist sympathizers in par-

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### Niebuhr, Bennett As Socialist Leaders

Snugly berthed as professors at Union Theological Seminary, hotbed of apostate and pro-Communist teaching, are two self-designated Socialists, Reinhold Niebuhr and John C. Bennett. From this vantage point they spread poisonous totalitarian doctrines throughout Christendom.

Thousands of seminarians, both undergraduate students on their way to ordination as ministers, and graduates of this and other seminaries attending Union to gain advanced degrees, have come under the influence of these successors of Harry F. Ward.

These men make many public appearances as speakers and participants in conferences of one kind and another; their writings are accepted eagerly by editors of many types of publications; Niebuhr is editor and Bennett chairman of the executive council of *Christianity and Society*, official organ of Christian Action, an interdenominational social gospel organization.

### Books Betray Sentiments

Both men are writers of books, and Niebuhr, touted by religious "liberals" as the greatest of living American theologians, has books written about him.

It would be difficult to name two men now in the public eye who have been more influential in the religious field; certainly no seminary has such an effective "team" in operation. Their influence always has been lent to leftist causes.

Latest of many books written about Niebuhr is a weighty tome just off the presses of the Macmillan Company. Twenty scholars contributed their solemn assessments of the Niebuhr vagaries in the volume, *Reinhold Niebuhr: His Religious, Social and Political Thought*.

The subject of all this prying and probing contributes a chapter, "Reply to Interpretation and Criticism." Lauding and describing this book, *Information Service*, weekly letter of National Council of Churches, notes that the bibliography of the Niebuhr writings included in the book requires 25 pages!

And surely the best news of

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all is this: for such an enormous compendium of erudition the publisher requires the purchaser to lay on the counter only the niggardly pittance of \$0.50. Don't crowd, please!

The mental processes of Niebuhr are difficult to fathom; this well may be why he has been such a controversial figure. During the 1930's he was one of the front runners among those who thought the way to advance toward the Utopia they call the Kingdom of God is to cooperate freely with the Communists.

In a chapter he contributed to the symposium (book) *Christianity and the Social Revolution*, Scribner's, 1936 Niebuhr wrote at some length about the "problem" which arises from the fact that "social cooperation on a large scale requires a measure of coercion." He reached this conclusion:

"The recognition of this problem does not mean that the substitution of Socialism for capitalism would not represent a solid gain for justice. The social power which inheres in the ownership of the means of production is so irresponsible and so irrelevant to the necessities of a technical civilization that its destruction has become a primary prerequisite of social health."

## Marx as a Theologian!

This is a typical "Christian Socialist" attitude, to realize that what is sought never has been realized, in all likelihood never can be accomplished, but, nevertheless and notwithstanding, to demand the taking of irrevocable steps to destroy the bases of our civilization.

Dr. Bennett was a member of the faculty of Auburn Theological Seminary when his book, *Social Salvation*, was published by Scribner's in 1935. In this book he wrote:

"We often hear that Karl Marx has a contribution to make to theology, for he saw, if in a one-sided way, in the manner of prophets of his race, the nature of the process which is smashing the capitalistic system in the interests of its present victims, and through them in the interests of all."

Thus as a sidelight of presenting the social gospel propaganda, the atheist Marx is presented as ranking with the great

## Foreword

Outlining the Communist-Socialist program in the Communist Manifesto written in 1848, Karl Marx named ten measures which should be undertaken after "the first step in the revolution by the working class (which) is to raise the proletariat (workers) to the position of ruling class to establish democracy."

Below are five of the Marx-proposed measures in which most progress has been made by indirect methods adopted by Communists and Socialists who are unwilling to wait for establishment of the dictatorship of the proletariat:

1. Abolition of property in land . . .
2. A heavy progressive or graduated income tax.
3. Abolition of all rights of inheritance.
4. Centralization of the means of communication and transport in the hands of the state.
5. Extension of factories and instruments of production owned by the state . . .

Here is part of the story of the accomplishments of Communists and Socialists forwarding the five measures named above:

1.—Over and above the millions of acres of land owned by municipalities and the states, the federal government owns 753,500,000 acres, which is equivalent to the land area of all the states east of the Mississippi River, plus Louisiana and Texas. More than half of this total, 407,900,000 acres, is in the United States; 343,800,000 acres are in territories and possessions and 1,800,000 acres are in foreign lands. (1).

2.—Internal revenue collections for the U. S. Treasury Department, more than 70 per cent of which are from income taxes, absorb more than 25 per cent of the value of the production of all the manufacturing industries and privately owned business and service organizations of the national economy, (2) and, on the average, account for at least 50 per cent of the prices paid by consumers of goods and users of services. (3).

3.—So heavy are inheritance taxes laid upon large fortunes that family-owned industries such as the Ford Company would have to be surrendered to the federal government upon the death of the principal owner except for the "loop-hole" provided by the creation of "charity foundations," which, all too often, spend the savings of industrialists on projects designed to destroy the system under which the fortunes were created.

6.—Perhaps Marx really was a prophet, and foresaw development of the electric service industry from the electric telegraph, an "infant invention" in his day. Now, eleven decades later, electric power turns the wheels of the presses printing newspapers, books and magazines, with other principal communication media, telephones, radio and television, completely dependent upon the electric industry.

Percentage figures used on the cover page of this pamphlet fail to show the true extent of the growth of government ownership of the electric industry. Startling indeed is the fact that in only 20 years the percentage of government-owned electric generation facilities increased three times, from 7½ per cent to 23 per cent. (4). But electric production as a whole doubled in each of the two decades.

During virtually the same period, 1932 to 1950, federal-installed generating capacity multiplied 30 times, from 230,000 kilowatts to 6,920,000 kilowatts, and the annual production of these federally-owned plants multiplied nearly 40 times, from 440,000,000 kilowatt-hours to 40,390,000,000 kilowatt-hours. (5).

7.—Accomplishments mentioned above have been more or less matters of common knowledge, though few citizens have realized their serious nature. But only recently has it been disclosed, to those willing to look, that the federal government owns thousands of businesses, all engaged in production and distribution in competition with citizen-owned projects.

Operating these business projects, always at a loss, the federal government annually wastes more billions of dollars than it collects in individual income taxes! (6).

## Socialist Dependence upon Marxism

During the first decades of this century the Socialist Party operating in America made little or no attempt to hide the fact that both its policy and program are Marxian.

The Party had no publishing house. Two of its principal suppliers of printed materials were Charles H. Kerr and Company, Chicago, and the *Appeal to Reason* publishing house, Girard, Kansas. *Appeal to Reason* was a weekly newspaper which served as "unofficial organ" of the party.

Jewish prophets, whose words are found in the Old Testament.

Briefly, the social gospel movement accepts the Communist view that the Christian program for saving individual souls is folly, since people are no more than products of environment.

Hence, the social gospelers argue, the proper course for churches is to undertake the salvation of society by inauguration of the "kingdom of God." The idea is concisely stated in the title of the Bennett book, *Social Salvation*.

## Marxian Origin Admitted

One of Dr. Niebuhr's more recent books is *Christian Realism and Political Problems*, Scribner's, 1953. In a chapter titled "European Socialism," the author lauds what he views as accomplishments of radical parties in Europe, frankly admitting the Marxian origin of Socialism. He wrote:

"Marxist dogma is, in short, so incompatible with the temper and necessities of a free society that the question arises why the conservatives' estimate of socialism is not correct; why should it not be regarded as a potential ally of our foe?"

His answer, of course, is the usual one—"Socialists do it better; they surely will operate the Utopia democratically, not in a totalitarian manner." Here's how, as Dr. Niebuhr explains it:

"A healthy democracy never gives all the power to the proponents of any one dogma; it holds all claims to truth under critical review; it balances all social forces . . . That is why the Marxist dogma is robbed of its virulence when it is set in the context of a democratic culture."

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ticular, the true opinions and sympathies are clouded by double talk.

Eight quotations from writings or public addresses of FCC-NCC leaders are included in "How Used . . . ?" Quotations from other leaders and from official statements of FCC-NCC are included in the 16-page pamphlet, "FCC Takes Its Stand with Enemies of America."

In this issue of *Challenge* readers will find additional documentation of the fact that the "social gospel," not the Gospel of the New Testament, is the favorite subject of FCC-NCC leaders, largely self-appointed, and members of self-perpetuating "bureaucracies" or hierarchies which control the policies of FCC-NCC and its affiliated denominations.

It is only natural, then, that *Challenge* offers documented evidence that Communism and Socialism are twin ideologies, both atheist, both Marxist, both aimed at destruction of all human liberty, both neatly wrapped in a package labeled "social gospel."



## Landis, Myers Are Co-op Advocates

When the Federal Council of Churches revamped its organizational setup and began operating as a division of National Council of Churches, Benson Y. Landis, who had been associate executive secretary, Department of Research and Education, and secretary of the Committee on Town and Country, became secretary of the Department of Town and Country and associate executive director of the Department of Research and Survey.

Like many others on the staff, Landis continued with much the same duties under slightly different titles, some of the titles indicating advancement in position.

In his work for the FCC Landis had been closely associated with the industrial secretary, James Myers. The two were co-authors of a booklet published by FCC under the title *Christianity and Work*. (48 pages, 25c.) One paragraph read:

"Now this is not merely an economic question. It is a patriotic and religious question also. A country cannot in the long run enjoy political democracy unless it also enjoys economic democracy with the masses of people sharing in ownership." (Italics added.) The last eight words of the quotation, following the words in italics, make clear what the writer means by "economic democracy."

### Socialist View of Co-ops

Landis' specialty has been the cooperative movement. He has written extensively on this subject, and it is clear from his writings that he is in a high echelon of the co-op movement and understands and accepts the Socialist view that the cooperative movement is a wing of the Communist-Socialist drive for world domination.

Most elaborate and detailed of Landis' writings is *A Cooperative Economy*, published by Harper and Brothers, 1943. The first sentence of the Preface of this book reads, "The growth of democratic economic movements in the United States, making in broad terms for a cooperative economy, is the subject of this book." (Italics added.) The second paragraph of the preface reads:

"The popular institutions here described are both voluntary and governmental. They represent associated efforts of free people as producers, as consumers, and as participants in public cooperation or governmental enterprises of various kinds. (Italics added.)

Cooperative economy, cooperative commonwealth, economic democracy, three of many terms used in the cooperative and allied and associated movements, are nothing more than fancy names for Socialism. The last

Among the publications of the Kansas printery was the annual *Appeal Almanac and Arsenal of Facts*. This was the handbook of all party officers, workers and speakers. One of the principal features was stock answers for questions most frequently asked about the party program, and objections most often raised. Another was "Socialist Definitions." This writer has a copy of the *Almanac* of 1917. In it, as in many other editions, the definitions of The Class Struggle, Materialistic Conception of History and Surplus Labor Power are credited to Karl Marx.

The Kerr Company printed the pamphlets which were the stock in trade of party workers and soap boxers. One of the more popular pamphlets published by the Kerr Company for Socialist party use was the *Communist Manifesto*. A photographic reproduction, reduced in size, of the cover, appears on the back cover page of this pamphlet. The tie between the Socialist Party and the basic document of the worldwide Communist movement is quite apparent—no blueprint necessary.

### Footnotes

- (1) Laurence C. Eldund in *The Milwaukee Journal*, Oct. 14, 1956.
- (2) In 1953, Internal Revenue collections totaled \$70,171,000,000, or 33 per cent of the value of the product of all non-government manufacturing business and service industries, which amounted to \$232,807,000,000. Pages 756 and 758, "The World Almanac," 1955.
- (3) Documentation in paper written by author of this pamphlet.
- (4) Computed from statistics in "Statistical Abstract of the United States," 1938 and 1958.
- (5) Page 551, "America's Needs and Resources," Dewhurst and Associates, The Twentieth Century Fund, 1955.
- (6) American Progress Foundation, 6413 Franklin Ave., Los Angeles 28, Calif.

# Communist Manifesto

By KARL MARX and  
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two are particular favorites of Socialists when they attempt to conceal their true purposes.

So eager was the Federal Council to foster the cooperative movement that it created a Committee on the Church and Cooperatives, and the Rev. Mr. Myers was made executive secretary of the committee.

Considerable additional material concerning the cooperative movement and its relationship to Communism-Socialism is available in the pamphlet, "FCC Takes Its Stand with Enemies of America," published by American Council of Christian Laymen as a "companion piece" to the brochure, "How Red Is the Federal Council of Churches."

Revelations in this pamphlet, dealing only with the American scene, are "tame" as compared with the documented materials prepared by Austin T. Flett of Chicago for presentation to Congressional Committees.

### Communist Links Shown

Mr. Flett's documentations prove beyond shadow of doubt that on the international level the cooperative movement is dominated completely by Communists, and functions as an arm or wing of the world-wide drive for Communist supremacy and world conquest.

Members and managers of local cooperative associations are kept in ignorance of these Communist connections, and it is by no means clear just what level of management marks the dividing line between those who are taken in by the "mild" socialistic propaganda of such leaders as Landis and Myers, and those leaders who are "in the know."

Since the chain of affiliation from the international to the local level is complete with no "missing links," Mr. Flett was able to make a most convincing showing to the Treasury Department and at Congressional Committee hearings that the cooperatives are not entitled to the tax exemptions which they receive.

### Tax Fraud Needs Airing

Mr. Flett has in fact filed an informer's claim for a share of the evaded taxes which the department should be able to recover. (This, of course, is a tactical move to get the matter formally and legally before the Treasury Department officials; Mr. Flett has no intention of profiting financially from his exposure of the fraud.)

Washington politicians are at loss how to handle the extremely "hot potato" which Mr. Flett has handed them; to date they have played the old political trick of stalling. Eventually, it is to be hoped, enough pressure can be brought upon them to force either action or frank refusal to act.

The politicians are certain to resist as long as it is humanly possible. Certainly they could (Turn Page)

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hardly be expected to take steps which would offend millions of co-op members during an election year. A sad thing about this is that no date on the calendar is more than two years from another national election at which House and Senate seats are to be filled, and all politicians fear that voters' memories are longer than that.

Myers, now retired, was a prolific writer of FCC-NCC materials. He was adept at writing the annual Labor Day Messages and Labor Day prayers which are issued annually. In all of his writings he allowed his Socialist philosophy to "show through," though never using the words "Socialist" or "Socialism" when describing recommended sentiments or activities.

When writing for other organizations Myers did not camouflage. He wrote the introduction to a pamphlet, *Why a Christian Should Be a Socialist*, by Rosamond Clark. The pamphlet was published by the Religious Work Committee of the Socialist Party. The introduction is dated July, 1947. One paragraph reads:

### Cleric Is Party Member

"Personally, I have joined the Socialist Party because I believe that its present platform comes nearer than that of any other political organization in the United States to implementing the ideals of religion for universal brotherhood, consumer cooperation and democracy in political, economic and international relations."

Myers and those cooperating in this venture see great possibilities in cooperation, and know how to operate in that manner. FCC "loans" its industrial secretary to the Socialist Party for a little hack writing job, and the Party reciprocates by recommending, on the back cover page of the Myers-Clark pamphlet, some interesting items of reading matter. Three of these are named in the following paragraphs:

*Christianity—and our World*, by John C. Bennett, published by Association Press. (The Association is the YMCA. This is the same John C. Bennett who is associated with Reinhold Niebuhr; see story on Page 1).

*The Consumer Cooperative Movement*, by Harry Laidler and Wallace Campbell, published by The Cooperative League of the USA. (For many years Laidler and Norman Thomas were co-secretaries of the League for Industrial Democracy, the educational branch of the Socialist Party.)

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## UN Flag Did Not Fly as Promised.

Despite numerous published statements to the contrary, only one flag flew or was flown in the Village of Boaz on United Nations Day. Old Glory flew proudly from the flagpole at a village school, a most suitable place.

Boaz is a tiny village 70 miles west of Madison, Wis. (1950 population figure, 188.) The village president, Frank Harris, announced that the UN flag would not fly in Boaz on United Nations Day. Glenn P. Turner, a World Federalist, residing at Middleton, near Madison, retorted that he would "invade" the village and fly the UN flag.

One auto made up Turner's "cavalcade." The only passengers were Mr. and Mrs. Turner and one other UN devotee, just enough to carry the three flags Turner had announced that he would fly: the UN, Wisconsin and United States flags.

The trio was met at the village limits by "Mayor" Harris and his supporters, many of them from Madison and other state cities. They carried banners which bore pointed jibes and jeers at UN and the UN flag. The "invading party" was escorted to the village square, and Turner addressed an audience of about 250 villagers and visitors. Sharp retorts were made by Harris and several Madison speakers, but no angry voices were raised, no fists were shaken and the television cameras captured images of only serene and smiling faces.

While the village literally swarmed with reporters and cameramen representing the major press associations and Wisconsin and Chicago newspapers, not one of these professionals took note of the flag proudly flying at the schoolhouse.

Webster's International Dictionary defines the verb transitive "fly," as follows: "to cause to fly or float in the air, as a bird, a kite, a flag, etc., as the sun flew the flag of Spain." Certainly the flag of Spain was not flown by having the cabin boy strut about the deck carrying it. No, it flew from the top of the mast.

Glenn Turner and his two associates displayed flags, and a tiny UN flag hung limply from a four-foot staff pressed into the turf on the lawn in front of a little white church. (This was an Evangelical United Brethren Church. The pastor, C. Harding Veigel, the only Boaz resident to take a public stand in opposition to the Village president, had announced that he would observe UN Day by flying the UN flag.)

But none of these flags actually flew—only Old Glory was flown, and thus did the residents of Boaz, and visitors, too, help to make good the prediction of the Village president that the UN flag would not fly in Boaz.



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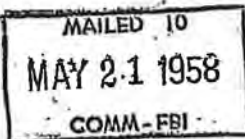
While I would like to be of service, I must advise that this Bureau has not investigated the American Council of Christian Laymen, and I am unable to be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
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May 12, 1958

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington D.C.  
Dear Sir:-

I am very much concerned about some literature which was given me recently. It was published by the American Council of Christian Laymen, 122 West Washington Ave., Madison Wisconsin. You no doubt are familiar with it. I understand also that a new book sized pamphlet entitled 2109 which gives the names of that many Methodist ministers who belong to Communist organizations is being issued.

I have read your statement that many organizations even churches are being infiltrated by the Communists and have been told that by belonging to a church which is affiliated with the National and Federal Council of Churches I am aiding and abetting this mobster called communism, so since I do belong to a Methodist church and always have, I will deeply appreciate any information you can give me regarding this matter.

Respectfully,  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-100432) DATE: 4/23/59

FROM : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (100-0)

SUBJECT: AMERICAN COUNCIL OF CHRISTIAN LAYMEN  
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Transmitted herewith are copies of:

1. Letter dated 3/23/59, on letterhead of American Council of Christian Laymen addressed to [redacted] Texas Heritage Foundation, Inc., Austin, Texas.
2. American Council of Christian Laymen's publication "Challenge" dated September 1958 with headline "Democracy Has No Quarrel With Communism!"
3. Excerpts from distinguished Americans re the book, Democracy Versus Communism.

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The three foregoing copies were furnished to SA JAMES C. KENNEDY of the Austin Resident Agency on 4/16/59, by [redacted] of the Texas Heritage Foundation, Inc., with offices located 612 Capital National Bank Building, Austin, Texas.

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[redacted] is the [redacted] for the State of Texas and is now retired.

[redacted] stated that the clipping from the Austin American of March 17 referred to in the letter from the American Council of Christian Laymen had [redacted]

[redacted] was in connection with the activity of the Texas Heritage Foundation, Inc., in placing KENNETH COLEGROVE's book titled Democracy Versus Communism in the libraries of the schools of the State of Texas.

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[redacted] stated, as reflected by the excerpts from letters of distinguished Americans, that this book had been endorsed by Vice President RICHARD NIXON, former President of the United States HERBERT HOOVER, LEWIS L. STRAUSS, as well as Colonel HAROLD C. LYON, Chief of Troop Information Division, Department of the Army. [redacted] likewise stated that it was his "impression" that the book Democracy Versus Communism had been commented on favorably by Director JOHN EDGAR HOOVER of the FBI.

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[redacted] stated that, in his opinion, the American Council of Christian Laymen by their letter dated 3/23/59, [redacted], were attempting to persuade [redacted] the Texas Heritage Foundation, Inc., to withdraw this book from the libraries of the public schools in Texas. [redacted] concluded that from the expressions of the book, which had been previously made by outstanding Americans as well as his own interpretation of the book, he felt that he was "standing on solid ground" and that he had no intention of following any suggestions made by the American Council of Christian Laymen.

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# American Council of Christian Laymen

Madison 1, Wisconsin

March 23, 1959

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Texas Heritage Foundation, Inc.  
Capitol National Bank Building  
Austin, Texas

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Dear [redacted]:

We were shocked to learn, from a clipping from Austin American of March 17, sent to us by an Austin friend, that the Texas Heritage Foundation, presumably an American patriotic organization, had been taken in by the propagandists who are promoting the poisonous textbook, Democracy Versus Communism, by Kenneth Colegrove.

Texas is, of course, a big state, but we have assumed that patriotic groups in the state were in close enough contact to be able to keep advised of what has been going on. It is many months ago that a Houston patriotic group was trapped into purchasing copies of this book, and placing them in Houston public schools.

Shortly thereafter, the error was rectified, in part at least, by tossing these books out of the schools.

Many people have been deceived by the shrewd propagandists who are promoting distribution of this book and it seems that in many cases those who are duped were to blame because they were a bit too gullible. They accepted the claims made in behalf of the book without taking the trouble to read it.

This happened in Wisconsin for one place, and there were national "reverberations". [redacted], who broadcasts for The Allan Bradley Company over the powerful Chicago station, WLS, and from smaller stations, added this book to the list of those he promotes over the radio.

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The day he received my letter of protest, he called me from Chicago wholly unbelieving, but I stood firm with my accusations and he finally decided I might have something. So, he promised to ask [redacted] of The Marion Forum of the Air and [redacted] author of [redacted] and abide by their opinion. A few days later he wrote me that he had dropped the book from the list of those he was promoting.

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We hope that Texas Heritage Foundation will have the courage to rectify its mistake as far as it is possible to do so.

With all best wishes,

Most cordially,

*Verne P. Kaub*  
Verne P. Kaub, President  
American Council of Christian Laymen

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# CHALLENGE

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## Text Besmirches American Heritage

For more than two decades National Education Association and its allies have carried on a campaign to indoctrinate public school pupils with belief that the federal government of the United States, a constitutional republic, differs in no important regard from the decadent democracies of Europe.

Climaxing this ignoble campaign, a group of educationists, editors and business men organized the Institute of Fiscal and Economic Education, which published a high school textbook, *Democracy Versus Communism*, by Kenneth W. Colegrove, professor emeritus at Northwestern University, and reputedly a sincere conservative.

## Trojan Horse Technique

For more than two years prior to publication of the book, publicity ballyhoo was under way, exploiting to the limit the reputations of author and members of the Institute.

So successful was this Trojan horse technique that when the book came off the press, paeans of praise poured out from news, editorial and book review columns. Only after the first rounds of tumultuous acclaim had died down was it revealed that many of the loudest-voiced endorsers of the book had not bothered to read it!

Unabashed by protests from critics who have read the book, the promoters brazenly press forward with artful schemes to publicize the volume and secure its adoption into school systems.

In midsummer, '58, it was revealed that prestige of the Armed Forces of the nation is to be exploited; the book's sponsors had wangled an arrangement under which a million leaflets carrying excerpts from the book are to be distributed to members of the Army, Navy and Marines.

All this, and much more, is done to promote the thesis that democracy challenges Communism.

Writing on this subject, Dr. Bela Hubbard has shown the fallacy of comparing democracy, a political system, and Communism, an economic system.

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## Meet George Sylvester Counts

On any list of foremost educationists, ranked on the basis of prominence and influence, the name of George Sylvester Counts will appear in the top ten. On many lists the name will be one of the top five.

On any list of the intelligentsia of all professions, ranked as to their contributions to development of collectivist ideology in America, Dr. Counts' name must be in the top five; on this writer's list he is No. 1.

True, John Dewey "fathered" pragmatic (atheistic) philosophy, basis of "progressive education," the all-too-general adoption of which makes it so easy to indoctrinate the youth of the land, but George Counts is most daring of Dewey devotees and disdains to conceal his aims.

As a young man George Counts accumulated several scholastic degrees and taught in several colleges and universities, including Chicago and Yale. It was not until 1927 that he was chosen to be assistant director of International Institute of Columbia University. It was in this capacity that he made three extended tours of Soviet Russia, the last in 1936, the first in time to write one of his earlier books, "A Ford Crosses Soviet Russia," published in 1930.

It was evident at once that "our hero" was enamored by the Soviet system. In 1931, Houghton Mifflin brought out "New Russia's Primer." The book was presented as a selection of the Book-of-the-Month Club. The book was a translation of a Russian text written for pupils 12 to 14 years of age, by M. Ilin. The Russian title is "The Story of the Great Plan." The subject matter is description and laudation of the First Five Year Plan as it had been operating since its launching in 1928. The translation was by George S. Counts and Nucia P. Lodge, Research Assistant in International Institute.

## Soviet Planning Given High Praise

In his preface "Word to the American Reader," Dr. Counts relates that the book was sent to him "by a Russian friend who was aware of my interest in both education and social planning." A principal purpose of the book was to explain to young people "the nature of a planned economy and to introduce them to the entire subject of social planning," Dr. Counts wrote, adding, "All of this it does admirably."

"The Soviet Union is engaged in a vast program of construction which aims to improve the material and spiritual condition of all," Dr. Counts wrote. He complimented the author upon the manner in which he presents the subject matter, but observes that the content is more important than the form. The content is viewed as "compelling" by the translator, for he wrote in this preface:

"The American teacher will be forced to put to himself the question: Can we not in some way harness the school to the task of building a better, a more just, a more beautiful society?"

This theme was further developed in the 56 pages of a John Day pamphlet published in 1932 under the title, "Dare the School Build a New Social Order?" In this little book he developed the thesis so popular with professional educationists that collectivism is inevitable:

"The fact cannot be overemphasized that the choice is no longer between individualism and collectivism. It is rather between two forms of collectivism: the one essentially democratic, the other feudal in spirit; the one devoted to the interests of the people, the other to the interests of a privileged class."

On the jacket of his 1957 book, "The Challenge of Soviet Education," Dr. Counts is designated as Professor of Education at Teachers College of Columbia University, and the statement that he is "widely known for his leadership of the American Federation of Teachers, the American Civil Liberties Union, and other groups." In "Who's Who" it is stated that he was Director of the College Division of Foundations of Education since 1942.

Under the rule of Tsars, Russian people were restive under the system of internal passports. The system was abolished when the Bolsheviks came into power, but was re-established under Stalin's regime. Boys and girls get their passports at impressive ceremonies when they reach the age of 16, and efforts are being made, as Dr. Counts relates in his latest book, "to convert the passport into a thing of honor, a badge of citizenship, a credential of maturity." (Continued on page 3)

## Author's Promises Are Not Fulfilled

Many thousands of troubled parents and other citizens devoted to American ideals of liberty, breathed sighs of relief upon announcement that, at long last, a textbook free of laudations of collectivism would be made available for use in public schools.

After more than two years of preliminary build-up the book was introduced to the public, and most particularly to individuals and committees in charge of selecting texts for public high schools. The Institute of Fiscal and Political Education is the publisher; distribution is by D. Van Norstrand Company, Inc.

Announced title of the forthcoming book, *Democracy versus Communism*, caused some apprehension among those libertarians who deplore the free use of the word "democracy" as descriptive of our American Republic. In general however, there was confidence that with such estimable authorship and sponsorship, no serious confusion of terms could be possible.

## America Called Democracy

Worst fears of the doubting Thomases were realized, and more. Not only does the book insist that America's constitutional Republic actually is a democracy; our government of law, erected upon concepts of human liberty found only in New Testament teachings, is not only compared with but actually equated with the materialistic, decadent democracies of the Old World, including those with parliamentary systems of government.

Alas, this is by no means the only reason why the book is unacceptable to libertarians. Government competition with private business is condoned and declared not to exist except in cases where private enterprise could not do the job. Public housing and other ventures advocated by proponents of the welfare state are declared to be necessary. In short, every objectionable feature of texts now being used is included between the covers of this imposing but deceitful volume.

In his address before the Queen City Club in Cincinnati, (Continued on page 3)

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Dr. Hubbard's book, *Political and Economic Structures*, Caxton, 1957, gives the background. The book shows, for example, that an economic system identical with that of Soviet Russia, governed by an oligarchy, exists in Yugoslavia, the government of which is an autocracy.

For purposes of this present discussion, the basic fallacy pointed out by Dr. Hubbard will be ignored. Professor Colegrove will be met on the ground of his own choosing with view to showing that, in truth and in fact, democracy has no quarrel with either the aims or program of followers of Karl Marx.

By dictionary definition and word derivation, democracy means government, or rule, of or by the people. Dictionary definitions may change as word usage varies, but word derivations persist.

## Educationist Testifies

No man in America is in better position or better qualified to explain the aims of professional educationists than Dr. William F. Russell, president of Teachers College of Columbia University. At a time when he was dean of the School of Education of the College, he was co-author, with Dr. Thomas H. Briggs, of a high school text, *The Meaning of Democracy*. He was laudably frank when he pointed out in the book that the meaning of the word "democracy" is rooted in the Greek language. He wrote:

*Democracy is a word formed of two words meaning people and power; and by extension it means rule of all the people.*

"Counting noses" is the only feasible method of determining the will or wishes of the people. It is not conceivable that even in a small democracy a unanimous vote could be secured in any polling. Hence rule of the people in a democracy resolves itself into rule of the majority, and, "by extension," rule of the stronger, which is the jungle law.

Most quoted and most widely used slogan of democracy is "Vox populi, vox Dei," (the voice of the people is the voice of

God) and this, of course, is heresy; not even the unanimous vote of all people of the earth could repeal one of God's laws.

Communists long ago approved the foregoing description of democracy. They have seized upon the word as descriptive of their aims and purposes and lay claim to being the only true, simon-pure democrats.

This claim has much merit, for Karl Marx contended in the *Communist Manifesto* and other writings that the dictatorship of the proletariat could prove to be the most powerful force in society, and could and should rule by virtue of its might.

Different as are day and night from the materialistic, godless conception of "democratic Communism" is the American ideology of human liberty which is the basis of our Constitution. Under this American view, human beings are dignified, important individuals, born to be free, and equal before the law and in the sight of their Creator.

Inspired by this conception of individualism, the Founders designed a Constitution under the provisions of which all human rights would have complete protection.

## Freedom of Choice Is Basic

When human rights are examined and analyzed, it is found that all of them "boil down" to freedom of choice. Without freedom of choice no individual can be free; with freedom of choice guaranteed to them, people can enjoy liberty.

When freedom of choice is examined to determine its meaning, it quickly is discovered that the phrase is no more than secular terminology for the Christian doctrine of free will. [Consult dictionaries!]

Only one conclusion is possible: our nation was founded upon principles which are exclusively Christian, not found, complete, in any other religion or in the writings of any non-Christian philosopher.

## Ours Is Government of Law

Our federation of American states, then, not only is a republic, but something special among republics, a government of law in which the basic law is the Ten Commandments, unchangeable, imperishable.

This constitutional form has been patterned after, imitated up to a point, but no other nation in the world has been willing to go all the way and make welfare of the God-created individual of supreme importance.

Professor Colegrove was not in serious disagreement with this contention as recently as June 8, 1955. On that date, as part of the advance promotion of the book he was writing, the professor addressed the Queen City Club of Cincinnati, Ohio, at a meeting arranged for the specific purpose of discussing

the project. Manuscript of the address was introduced into the *Congressional Record* for July 29, 1955, as an extension of remarks by Congressman B. Carroll Reece of Tennessee. Reprints of the extension of remarks were widely circulated—promoters of this project have not missed any bets. The following paragraph is quoted from the "remarks":

*At this point I wish to explain the use of the term "democracy" in the title of our textbook on Democracy Versus Communism. Personally, I would prefer to call our American Government a "Representative Republic." This is more in keeping with the thought of the fathers of the Constitution. But after hundreds of talks with schoolmen, politicians and scholars I am persuaded that any text book or new course in the curriculum under any other name than "democracy" would have little or no chance of adoption in the American school system. Whether all of us like it or not, the term "democracy" has become so embodied in the public school, instruction that it is useless to attempt to promote the adoption of a substitute symbol.*

Here we have frank admission of willingness of a teacher and author to lend his talents to perpetuation of fallacy, and equally frank disclosure by a man in position to know, that professional educators, to whom has been entrusted the instruction of Young America, have been active participants in the plot to deceive each generation of citizens about the nature and purpose of our government as established by the Founders.

## American Text Promised

To soften the impact of these confessions, the professor hastened to "smooth it over" by inferring that, after all, only a matter of terminology is involved. He promised the Cincinnati audience that the "textbook will seek to show our boys and girls that American democracy means a Representative Republic, governed by a Constitution and Bill of Rights."

Any member of the Cincinnati audience who remembers and relies upon this promise will be rudely and sadly disappointed if he reads the book.

Far from fulfilling the promise made in this Cincinnati address, the book tells students many things about democracy which do not bear close inspection and analysis. Quoting:

*Washington, Franklin, Hamilton, Madison and their colleagues were fully aware that the Philadelphia meeting we now call the Constitutional Convention was an experiment without parallel in the history of Democracy. (Page 26)*

This statement is an outright perversion of history; not one of the men named had any liking

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for democracy, and all knew quite well that the convention was the occasion of an experiment in setting up a new type of republic never before conceived.

Again misrepresenting the attitude of the Founders and distorting history, the book tells the reader, Page 26, that "Washington, Hamilton and Madison were convinced that pure democracy was unworkable in a nation whose people were settled over a large territory."

This statement can be classified as half-truth told with intent to bring about complete deception. At the time the Constitution was drafted no nation with a large area of territory ever had been organized as either a republic or democracy.

## False Premise Exposed

One of the ideas which had to be sold to the citizens of the states, if the Constitution were to be adopted, was that it would be possible for a republic to operate under prevailing conditions. *The Federalist No. 14*, by James Madison, one of the three men named in the quotation just above, was written for the express purpose of showing that republican government was feasible for the area approximating that part of the United States lying east of the Mississippi River.

The matter of practicality on the basis of geography was by no means the reason for the Founders' opposition to democracy. "Distrust of democracy was clearly reflected in the Constitution," Prof. Edward Mead Earle of The Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, N. J., wrote in the Introduction to an edition of *The Federalist* published in 1937 by Random House for The Modern Library.

Charles and Mary Beard, in their *Basic History of the United States*, The New Home Library, 1944, wrote, Pages 210-11:

*Thomas Jefferson did not publicly call himself a democrat or use the term in any of his public addresses and messages. He was convinced that government by a simple majority—even of farmers—could be as despotic as a one-man tyranny, and he especially distrusted "the mobs of the great cities . . ."*

Madison, Monroe, and even Andrew Jackson clung to the name "Republican" . . . In no state paper or official address did Jackson proclaim himself a Democrat or refer to the United States as a democracy.

Nor is this all: adding insult to injury, the author declares, Page 35, that "Leaders in the



## Author's Promises Are Not Fulfilled

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in July, 1955, referred to at some length in the article starting in Column 1 of Page 1, Professor Colegrove promised that his forthcoming book would represent the results of objective study and relentless search for truth. On scores of pages the reader finds proof that the promise was not fulfilled.

At, or at least near top of the list of taboos for educationists, is the fact that all the principal socialist measures, now called democratic or liberal, are borrowed directly from the immediate demands of the Communist Party as specifically detailed in the *Communist Manifesto* of Marx and Engels.

Reasons for this taboo are not obscure. Communism, once referred to freely as a great social experiment, now is a "naughty word" in the vocabulary of the professional jargon; hence anything derived from or even remotely related to Communism is likely to come under suspicion.

It is important, then, that students be shielded from any knowledge that sharply progressive income and inheritance taxes, "extension of industries and instruments of production owned by the state" and other so-called progressive and reform measures, are recommended in the *Manifesto*.

Text of the *Manifesto* can be found in many reference books

struggle for independence in America have been influenced by the ideas of the French philosophers, Montesquieu, Voltaire and Rousseau, who lived in the 1700's."

Far from being influenced by the French philosophy, based in materialism and atheism, our Founding Fathers were repelled by and rejected this French viewpoint, recognizing full well that human liberty is a spiritual concept in no wise related to materialism.

How right the Founders were in this choice soon was to be demonstrated by the bloody events of the French Revolution, with its intriguing but ineffective slogan, "Liberty, Equality, Fraternity," and its outcome, a "free" nation which to this day has not had a stable government.

Professor Colegrove's book, *Democracy Versus Communism*, like hundreds of other books published or approved and sponsored by National Education Association and its affiliates, makes it quite clear that professional educationists wish to see America follow the road to destruction down which Britain and France have traveled so far.

## Meet George Sylvester Counts

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This effort, and its results to date, are most gratifying to Dr. Counts. He closes the chapter, "The Moral Education of the Younger Generation," with this "revealing" paragraph:

"Where and when in previous history has man transformed an instrument of tyranny into such a glorious symbol of freedom? Perhaps the Bolsheviks actually are changing human nature, in accordance with their boasts, and they are doing this under the banners of the sacred 'cause of Lenin'."

George Counts proves his devotion to Soviet causes in many ways. He has allowed his name to be used by notorious Communist fronts, and has actively assisted a number of these. National Association for Advancement of Colored People is not officially listed as a Communist front, but has a most unsavory reputation. Dr. Counts is a member of the NAACP Committee of 100.

Among his Communist front affiliations are: American League Against War and Fascism, member national executive committee; American Russian Institute, member of board of directors; American Student Union, member of advisory board, and Films for Democracy, member of organizing committee.

Readers have been invited to "meet George Counts" in this connection because he is a great favorite of Professor Colegrove. He is thanked in the preface of "Democracy Versus Communism" for his encouragement and advice in preparation of the book, and on Page 147, the latest Counts book is given words of approval; this is the only plug for a book and author in the Colegrove book.

available in school and public libraries, and it would be easy for curious teenagers, getting a hint of the source of these proposals, to learn at first hand that Marx and Engels clearly understood that these measures are not progressive, but reactionary and destructive.

### Measures Are Destructive

As this fact is explained in the *Manifesto*, these measures, "in the course of the movement (would) outstrip themselves (and) necessitate further inroads upon the old social order and are unavoidable as a means of entirely revolutionizing the mode of production."

Not only must this Marxist view be hidden from the students, but they must have constant reassurance that insofar as these "progressive" measures have been adopted, the results have been everything that could be desired. Following this pattern, the Colegrove book tells students that, in America, government does not compete with privately owned business. Quoting:

Only under certain circumstances does our government resort to large-scale planning for regional improvement. The TVA is a well-known example, in which flood and soil-erosion control and the production of electricity have been combined into one large program designed to make the Tennessee Valley more productive and to improve living conditions. Such programs, however, are exceptional; only when private enterprise lacks the resources for such a huge development does the American government take a direct part in business activity. Page 83.

The American way avoids competition between government and business. Even in development of water power, the government is cautious. Govern-

ment agencies built Boulder Dam and created the TVA only because private business was not ready to invest in these projects the huge amounts of capital needed to complete them.—Page 289.

A writer or speaker who has some qualms about stultifying himself to the extent of stating that TVA possesses all the virtues and does all the things which were promised for it, hedges by saying or writing that TVA was "planned" or "designed" with those happy ends in view. Thus he avoids telling an outright falsehood, knowing, as he does, that TVA is one of the most monstrous frauds ever thrust upon the people of any nation. But the reader or listener gets the impression that a positive statement has been made.

### Huge Hydro Development

An interesting fact in connection with TVA is that as of June 30, 1956, the Authority had installed generating capacity of 9,279,485 kilowatts, of which only 38 per cent was in hydro plants, the balance being steam plants. Thus the hydro generating capacity amounts to approximately 3,526,200 kw. This is an exceptional program, the book advises; in such matters the government is cautious.

Boulder Dam, renamed Hoover Dam some years ago, and Grand Coulee, were built and are operated by the Bureau of Reclamation. But the two constitute only a small part of the Bureau's domain, which includes 46 dams in 12 states and Alaska Territory, with total installed capacity of 5,006,050 kilowatts, and ultimate capacity of 6,342,200 kilowatts, nearly twice TVA's hydro capacity.

Still this is not all. The Corps of Engineers of the United States Army has built and now

In 1776, Colonists fought and died to protect and expand the American heritage. Why is it so lightly regarded today?

operates 43 dams with 4,364,866 kilowatts of installed capacity with 4,212,334 kilowatts under construction and total ultimate capacity 9,572,400. Thus when the Engineers and Bureau have completely developed their present dams, they will have a combined installed capacity of 15,925,600 kilowatts, or more than four and one-half times the hydro capacity of TVA.

First observation on the contention of the book that our government does not engage in competition with private enterprise: the government agencies mentioned above compete with business-managed producers of electric power; they compete with each other for first chance to tap the national treasury for their projects, and they compete with farmers by encouraging additional production of agricultural products on tax-subsidized "reclaimed" lands.

### Facts Not Concealed

Information about these governmental excursions into competition with private enterprise is not too difficult to come by. Both agencies involved in these projects are proud to supply inquirers with details about their "accomplishments." The information given above is part of what was supplied by the agencies to the *World Almanac*, where it can be found in the 1958 volume, Pages 212-217.

Huge as they are, the projects of the Army Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation are but dwarfs in comparison with Uncle Sam's exploits in setting up more than 700 corporate enterprises, employing more than a million persons, using capital assets supplied by the taxpayers at a cost of more than \$50 billion. In the course of operating, with the always inefficient methods of government-owned enterprises, these corporations lose more money each year than the total of returns received from assessment of taxes on individual incomes.

Of course it cannot be expected that "researchers" engaged in enterprises approved by NEA ever would or could secure this information. So far as government bureaucracy is concerned, this information is "top secret," but over a period of years it has been dug out and freely reported, though of course the Communist-infiltrated sources of public information have been unwilling to share their knowledge with the public. The researchers who have done this job are affiliated with American Progress Foundation of Los Angeles, headed by Willis E. Stone, author of the proposed 23rd Amendment.

*What a force*

*we are working toward the ideal of American education, which is to promote good citizenship and encourage independent thinking on the part of every citizen regardless of race or religion. (Page 131.)*

*Another brain - working job*

*The Barzani's Table, of Dayton, and -- "The man who Plans to Rule"*

*also, "The Gendarmes on Little Rock + The Plot to Southerize the South!"*

**Big News! Unions Are Not In Politics**

**Who Will Help in this Emergency?**

Unions in America do not participate in politics! That's what the book says! From page 296 of *Democracy Versus Communism* by Kenneth Colegrove:

*Powerful though they are, American unions have preferred to take no direct part in political campaigns. Union members who take active part in politics do so as individual citizens.*

Senators Gore and Mansfield, constituting the majority of a sub-committee investigating campaign spending of organized labor, apparently depended on reported contributions only, and fixed the sum of union contributions in the 1956 campaign as \$941,271.

*Congressional Quarterly*, available in most public libraries, traced additional cash contributions from unions totaling \$1,079,852. Of this amount, 99.6 per cent went to the Democratic Party or candidates of that party. Still only the surface has been scratched.

#### Union Activity Revealed

Speaking March 23, 1958, in Sulphur Springs, W. Va., before a trade association, Congressman Ralph W. Gwinn, New York, declared that in the 1956 elections union labor was active in 300 of the 435 congressional districts, and that in 1954 United Auto Workers, headed by Walter Reuther, spent \$725,000 in the interest of just one candidate, Senator McNamara. Text of the address was entered in the Congressional Record on March 24.

Millions of citizens learned more or less about this union activity in Michigan, but not a hint of it ever reached Professor Colegrove, if we are to believe his book. Nor did he ever hear that activities of the National Citizens Political Action Committee, headed by Sidney Hillman, president of Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, was made the subject of an exhaustive report on Communist-fronts which is widely known as Appendix IX. In the report, NCPAC was dubbed by the committee as the Hillman-Browder-CIO axis.

Quite as surprising, and pleasing, if only it were true, is the author's declaration about "Right to Work" on Page 258:

*In America any person has a right to work in order to make a living. No one can tell him how, when or where he must work. He can "quit" or give up his job, and he does not have to give any reason for doing so. Furthermore, a person is free to make money in any legal way to buy the goods that satisfy his needs and desires.*

Apparently the professor never heard of union and closed shop contracts under which millions of "captive" workers are

No textbook or other book ever published strikes stronger blows at the American heritage than does "Democracy Versus Communism." It is particularly dangerous because it was introduced with tremendous ballyhoo that it is a truly American book, thus deceiving thousands of citizens. Therefore an entire issue of "Challenge" is devoted to the project.

To be effective the warning must be spread to the daily and weekly press, to school boards and school administrators, to PTA groups and other citizens interested in our schools. Where the book already has been adopted, it must be discarded; use public pressure!

Wide circulation of this issue of "Challenge" will help; perhaps more effective challenges to the book will appear, but until they do, why not buy and distribute copies of this publication?

subject to domination of labor bosses who most certainly do tell employees where, when and under what conditions they may earn a livelihood.

When the labor bosses decree, the workers lay down their tools and walk out, or sit still in their places, according to the nature of the order. If any prefer to work and earn a living rather than subsist on strike benefits, they cross picket lines at risk of getting their heads bashed in, as happens all too often.

Workers in union and closed shops cannot boast of being free-men even when their places of employment are free of "labor trouble." Under the terms of the contract between the union and employer, no worker may earn overtime pay, even though he is willing and needs the money, unless the union bosses agree. No worker may receive a wage increase on the basis of meritorious performance on the job; no worker may win promotion; the better jobs are for those with seniority, regardless of their qualifications. This is by no means all, but it gives the general idea.

#### Where Ignorance Is Bliss

From his advantageous position as a resident of a Chicago suburb, it seems a bit odd that the professor never heard how small business in that area is preyed upon by union racketeers and the supporting goon squads. Restaurant owners and proprietors of filling stations, laundries and other "small time" enterprises are quite "free to make money in any legal way" provided only they pay up promptly to peddlers of "protection."

At many places in the book it is stated or directly inferred that labor unions have been of great value to the workers. (Page references, 21, 56, 294, 296, 298 and 316.) On Page 31 the author writes:

*In this century . . . labor unions have brought about tremendous improvements for their members, not only in the United States, but also in Great Britain and France and other democratic countries.*

Really objective writing with aim to give students a true picture would at least indicate that this is a debatable point. It will

not be debated here beyond quoting from the writings of one of the nation's best known and best qualified writers on such subjects, Willford I. King, professor emeritus at New York University. In his *The Keys to Prosperity* he wrote:

*It appears . . . that the assertion that labor's upward progress is the result of unionization and collective bargaining rests upon a foundation just as firm as that underlying the cock's claim that his crowing made the sun rise.*

#### Court Decisions Unpopular

Many decisions of the U. S. Supreme court in recent years are criticized by libertarians and conservatives, largely on the ground that rights of states are disregarded. So strong has public and congressional opposition to these decisions become that only by frantic, last-minute maneuvering was Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon Johnson able to defeat a bill which would have rebuked the court and restored to the states many powers which have been weakened or destroyed by the Court.

This strong revulsion at the Court's decisions did not develop overnight; it has been growing for many years. But the author of this book either does not know about it or does not want students to know. Quoting:

*In other cases the Supreme Court has interpreted the Constitution in upholding . . . the right of Negroes to an education equal with that of other citizens. (Page 171.)*

One might even assume from this that the Court had reaffirmed the long-established rule of "separate but equal." It is not alone in the above quotations that the author has sluffed over and misrepresented the issue of school integration. Quoting:

*Even though many Southerners appear to be against integration—or the practice of allowing Negro and white students to attend the same schools—the nation as a whole feels that segregation is undemocratic.*

*Wisely, the Supreme Court directed that school integration should proceed "with deliberate speed". . . Slowly but surely*

Readers will note that the author thinks Southerners appear to be against integration, and his use of the word "allowing" when the decision led directly to the "invasion" of Little Rock and similar events looking toward forcing children of the two races to attend the same schools.

Also it is noteworthy that the author does not advise of the time of the taking of the poll which determined that the nation as a whole supports integration, and that he plainly intimates that the only opposition to school integration is in the South.

Millions of citizens of the North see in the decision an invasion of state rights and defiance of the principle of freedom of choice. In April, 1956, a resolution bitterly condemning the integration decision was introduced on the floor of the convention of Congress of Freedom, meeting at Dallas.

The resolution was adopted without dissenting voice or vote, despite the fact that at least two-thirds of the convention delegates were residents of Northern states.

#### Discussion Must Halt

Space limitation makes it impossible to continue this discussion in the manner used above. Dozens of other statements in the book would have to be commented upon if a complete "review" were to be made. And after that was done, there would remain consideration of the book's "tone," which is unsatisfactory to the libertarian reader, who fails to find on any page any indication or intimation of true understanding and appreciation of the American heritage.

Professor Colegrove early announced his intention of writing an anti-Communist book, and the book's chapters about Communism are indeed praiseworthy. His failure to prepare a book acceptable to believers in individualism lies chiefly in the fact that he does not contrast the failures and miseries of Communism with the successes and joys of a nation pledged to promote supremacy of the individual.

Among minor failures is lack of recognition of the powerful influence of the chief instruments of Communism, the "fronts" established in our midst. He reports that in 1955 the Attorney General's list reached 540, but he names less than ten, omitting some of the most powerful and important, and fails to report that Appendix XI listed more than 1,500 fronts in 1944, linking most of them to NCPAC.

*To approve this book is to turn against the South + I mean*



EXCERPT FROM LETTERS OF  
SOME DISTINGUISHED AMERICANS

Office of The Vice President.

"I am sure that this book "Democracy vs Communism" will serve a most useful function in helping to educate our young people concerning the basic principles in which we believe, and the nature of our enemy".

Richard Nixon

I am glad to have the book. I am glad you have done it.

Herbert Hoover

U. S. ATOMIC COMMISSION

"Democracy versus Communism" is a valuable weapon, for it has the sharp blade of truth.

Lewis L. Strauss

U. S. DEP'T. OF JUSTICE

America must have an informed citizenry. Our young people need to be taught the difference between the treasured values of democracy and the deceit and falsehoods of atheistic communism. Democracy stands for freedom, justice and fair play; communism for terror, injustice and slavery. Our youngsters will be our leaders of tomorrow. To nurture them in the hopes and ideals which have made our Nation great is our best guarantee that freedom shall continue to ring in America.

J. Edgar Hoover

DEP'T. OF THE ARMY

The Institute of Fiscal and Political Education should be very proud of what they have done in the sponsorship of this marvelous publication, "Democracy Versus Communism." It truly is an outstanding publication which fills a definite need in the secondary school level. I firmly believe that we should carefully consider some form of distribution or utilization at least of this publication within the Army within the field of troop information.

HAROLD C. LYON  
Colonel, GS  
Chief  
Troop Information Division

ENCLOSURE

See letter dated 10/25/67  
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January 26, 1960

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Saint Joseph, Michigan

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated January 18, 1960, has been received.

Although I appreciate the interest prompting your writing, the function of this Bureau as strictly a fact-gathering agency does not extend to furnishing evaluations or drawing conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. Please do not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have information concerning the group you named.

I do want to take this occasion, however, to point out that the statement attributed to me in the booklet you mentioned is an excerpt from a statement I made on March 26, 1947, before the Committee on Un-American Activities of the United States House of Representatives. I am enclosing a copy of this statement for what interest it may be to you. The excerpt quoted appears on page 12, and I know that you will realize when you read this passage in context that I was not making reference to any particular organization or religious denomination.

Sincerely yours,

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St Joseph Michigan

January 18 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr Hoover:

I am very deeply concerned about a matter. Perhaps you can lend a great assistance, providing you have time. I am aware you must be a very busy man. But being a Christian myself, and having read some of your articles which has led me to believe you to be a "Christian", or at least favorable toward Christianity, I am hoping that you will be a parishioner of the Episcopal Church.

at least favorable to W. I. S. C. <sup>W. I. S. C.</sup>  
There has been handed to me a pamphlet  
The title of which is this question, <sup>What</sup>  
Red is <sup>the</sup> Federal Council of Churches.  
Red is <sup>the</sup> Federal Council of Churches. Published  
by the American Council of Christian  
122 W. Washington Avenue, Madison  
published and quoted

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Wisconsin. In the which are quoted  
these words of yours, I confess to a real  
apprehension, so long as Communists are  
able to secure ministers of the gospel to  
promote their evil work.

ack - mail 11/26/60 J. L. Davis

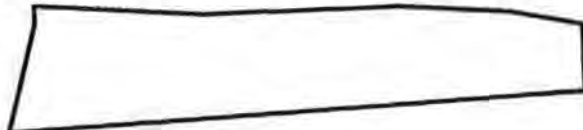
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In this pamphlet is listed many names of ministers whom have in the past been prominent members of the Federal Council who have aided and abetted god hating, Unamerican organizations. Mr Hoover, I am not in sympathy with, nor do I have any time to partake in subversive organizations. Being affiliated with the Church of God, with offices in Anderson Indiana. Am seeking some first hand information to be sure of what and whom I quote.

In this pamphlet is listed some thirty organizations which has been investigated by government investigating bodies at one time or another.

I will thank you whole heartedly for whatever assistance you have the time to devote to such a matter.

Very Respectfully yours



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May 11, 1960

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[Redacted Address]

Portsmouth, Ohio

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated May 1, 1960, with enclosure, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

I want to take this occasion to point out that the statement attributed to me in the publication you forwarded is an excerpt from a statement I made on March 26, 1947, before the Committee on Un-American Activities of the United States House of Representatives. I am enclosing a copy of this statement for what interest it may be to you. The excerpt quoted appears on page 12, and I know that you will realize when you read this page in context that I was not making reference to any particular organization or religious denomination.

Dr. Ralph W. Sockman did speak at the commencement exercises of our National Academy on October 1, 1948. While I would like to be of service in response to your inquiry, I must advise that this Bureau has not investigated the American Council of Christian Laymen, and I am unable, therefore, to be of assistance to you. I am taking the liberty of enclosing some material concerning the subject of communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Director's statement before Committee on Un-American Activities, 3-26-47  
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality  
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion  
God and Country or Communism?

Director's statement concerning 17th National Convention, CP

NOTE: No record Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. Correspondent enclosed a copy of the pamphlet "How Red is the Federal-National Council of Churches?" distributed by the American Council of Christian Laymen. The National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) was formerly known as the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ. For a number of years allegations have been made by a number of people including some clergymen to the effect that the National Council of the Churches of Christ has been infiltrated by communists. Although we have never conducted an investigation of the NCCC, as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the Communist Party (CP), USA, to infiltrate this organization through our over-all investigation of the CP, USA, and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. It does not appear from the information we have developed that the CP, USA, is dictating the policies of the NCCC today. Bufile 94-37868-27 reflects a letter to a citizen dated 3-16-49 which comments on Dr. Ralph W. Sockman in a complimentary manner. Sockman was graduation speaker at National Academy 10-1-48 and groups have been advised in the past that Sockman did speak at this graduation. Bufiles reflect that in answer to one inquiry regarding Sockman in February, 1957, the Director noted "I think it is time that we not go out on the limb any longer for him."



Portsmouth, Ohio  
May 1, 1960

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

You and I know Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, Methodist Minister, New York City to be a man of high Christian principles and thoroughly American.

It bothers me that an organization known as American Council of Christian Laymen can distribute through our churches such pamphlets as the enclosed. Many good men are listed as having Communist leanings among them, Ralph Sockman. They are wrong about him- how about the others? I believe that Dr. Sockman was Commencement Speaker for your FBI exercises a few years ago.

This organization includes a quote over your name in the pamphlet as though it has your endorsement.

Who is this American Council of Christian Laymen? Is it Catholic or Protestant? Who are the officials in the organization?

Maybe I am unduly concerned about this but the appearance of the pamphlets has created quite a bit of discussion locally and it seems to me that this is not a constructive action.

Respectfully,  


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Mr. Belmont ✓  
Mr. Callahan ✓  
Mr. DeLoach ✓  
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February 16, 1961

[Redacted]  
Amarillo, Texas

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Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter of February 9 and appreciate the concern which prompted your communication.

Although I would like to be of service to you, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subjects of your inquiry.

In view of your interest, I am sending some material regarding the threat of communism which you may find of value.

Sincerely yours,

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Series from "Christianity Today"  
One Nation's Response to Communism  
Communist Illusion & Democratic Reality  
Expose of Soviet Espionage

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record identifiable with [Redacted]  
The significance of "P.E." is not known and it is not being used with his name.  
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The John Birch Society was founded by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization. Welch has been openly critical of former President Eisenhower's administration. We are conducting inquiries regarding this group.

[redacted] is a former Baptist minister who does much lecturing around the country on communism. We have received inquiries concerning allegations that [redacted] may have represented himself to be a former Bureau employee in some of his lectures. He has been the subject of a closed impersonation case which did not substantiate the alleged impersonations.

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Dr. Ralph W. Sockman has not been investigated by the Bureau. He spoke at the National Academy Graduation on 10-1-48. In answer to one inquiry concerning him in February, 1957, the Director noted, "I think it is time that we not go out on the limb any longer for him. H."

[redacted] was formerly Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, the bishop of the Methodist Church in the Washington, D. C., area. He has never been investigated by the Bureau. Bufiles reveal that in the past he has been affiliated with numerous organizations cited by the Attorney General as subversive and he has become somewhat of a controversial figure.



[Redacted]  
Amarillo, Texas  
February 9, 1961

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

*ESP*  
First, let me state that I sincerely believe that there is a very serious threat of Communism within this country. I believe they have infiltrated all phases of our American way. I believe that it is necessary that we Americans, who love our country and want it to remain the republic that our founding fathers intended it to be, wake up and become aware of this threat, learn how Communism operates, and then fight with every means available - within the framework of our constitution.

I believe that we must fight this threat with education. We must educate ourselves as to the aims of Communism, how it intends to accomplish its aims; then we will know better how to stop its spread.

Our constitution guarantees each citizen freedom of speech and movement so long as that citizen does not infringe upon the rights of others, advocate the violent overthrow of our government, or commit any act of treason. And, although, it is very hard for us to accept the fact, these rights include those who belong to the Communist party or are sympathetic toward Communism. We must not, for once, even out of fear, advocate the forceful containment of these citizens who have not committed one of the above acts. If we do, we have violated our constitution just as surely as those Communists whom we fear.

It is sad that our Justice Department has deemed it necessary to rule as it has on many of the cases concerning Communistic activities or Socialistic teachings. It seems to me that some of these activities bordered on treason. It seems that the Supreme Court sometimes places too rigid an interpretation on the amendments of the constitution.

This brings me to the point of my letter. We must be careful of those individuals and organizations that are <sup>so</sup> anti-Communist, that they cause us to doubt the leadership of our country and lose faith in our country's foundations.

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CORRESPONDENCE

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Feb. 9, 1961

I have read many books and pamphlets recently distributed by the John Birch Society that concerns the encroachment of ~~Communism on our high level~~ government and church positions. This literature has used names of high level positions with such abandon that if one were not careful he could begin to doubt the whole upper structure of our government and church. If this literature does no more than cause those who read it to become more aware of the threat of Communism, then it has served a very useful purpose. However, if it goes further than this and causes us to lose faith in our leadership, then it can cause much harm.

The most disturbing literature I have read concerns the National Council of Churches in America. The book is "Collectivism in the Churches" by Edgar C. Bundy, and the pamphlet is "How Red is the National Council of Churches" by the "American Council of Christian Laymen". If the information in this literature is even partially true, then we, who belong to the churches of our nation, have a great task before us. If, however, it is in part propaganda, then it should be stopped. There is no doubt in my mind that Communism has infiltrated our churches. However, it is difficult to believe that it has entered the churches to the extent that this literature indicates. I do know that this literature, and those who distribute it here in my city, has caused discord within some of the churches. My minister told me that one of our churches has lost some four families because of this. One member of the John Birch Society told me that he is advocating that members of his church stop making anymore contributions to the church until it withdrew from the National Council of Churches. This type of anti-Communism can destroy us just as surely as active Communism.

When I read articles such as the ones I mention, I believe it is only wise that I find out as much as possible about the author, ~~about his qualifications for writing such articles.~~ To date, I have been unable to find any information on Mr. Bundy or the American Council for Christian Laymen except through the John Birch Society.

① Could you send me background information on Mr. Bundy and the American Council of Christian Laymen?

"Collectivism in the Churches" states that both Bishop Oxnam and Dr. Sockman were called to appear before the House Committee on un-American Activities. Could you tell me under what

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

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circumstances they appeared, and what was the outcome of those hearings? Is the National Council of Churches as Socialistic as the book indicates? Could you give me some information concerning the John Birch Society?

Respectfully yours,

A large, empty rectangular box with a slightly irregular right edge, used to redact the signature of the sender.

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637 U. S. Post Office & Court House Building  
Cincinnati 2, Ohio  
April 25, 1961

[Redacted]  
The Cincinnati Gas & Electric Company  
Northern Division  
39 North Broad Street  
Middletown 7, Ohio

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Dear [Redacted]:

In response to your letter of April 13, 1961, I must of necessity advise of my regret and inability to be of service. Files of the FBI are by law confidential. Please do not construe my comments as indicating that the FBI does or does not have any information touching upon the topic you mentioned.

Sincerely yours,

E. D. MASON  
Special Agent in Charge

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Attached hereto is brochure captioned "How Red Is The Federal Council of Churches?" It was apparently issued by the American Council of Christian Laymen, 122 W. Washington Ave., Madison 1, Wisconsin. Please observe that the Director is quoted on the last page.

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62-100432-32

May 31, 1961

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Wausau, Wisconsin

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Dear [Redacted]:

Your letter of May 22, 1961, with enclosures, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated. I want to thank you for your expression of confidence in this Bureau.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

In view of your interest, I am enclosing some publications dealing with the general subject of communism which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Enclosures (4)

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Communist Illusion & Democratic Reality  
God & Country or Communism?  
4-17-61 statement re internal security  
Series from "Christianity Today"

NOTE: Bufiles indicate correspondence with [Redacted] 12-29-59 at which time he forwarded a copy of a publication which contained a reproduction (see next page)

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5-29-61

NOTE CONTINUED: of a letter written by the Director. He also was forwarded 50 copies of "What You Can Do To Fight Communism." Enclosures were a copy of Louis Cassels' article from the 4-29-61 issue of the St. Paul, Minnesota, Dispatch and a copy of "How Red is the Federal Council of Churches?" The American Council of Christian Laymen published a brochure entitled "How Red is the Federal Council of Christian Churches?" which contained a statement by the Director, used out of context, to infer that certain individuals affiliated with the Federal Council of Churches were subversive. Considerable controversy among Christian laymen resulted following release of this publication. (62-100432)

UNITED COMMERCIAL TRAVELERS OF AMERICA

WAUSAU COUNCIL #217

Wausau, Wis. May 22, 1961

*apcl*  
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I enclose herewith pamphlet issued by the American Council of Christian Laymen, Madison, Wisc also an article published by the St. Paul Dispatch, St. Paul, Minn. I have utmost confidence in the F.B.I. and would appreciate your advising me how the above mentioned organization rates with you as I have been distributing their pamphlet.

Thanking you in advance, I remain

Yours very truly,

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Article In St. Paul Dispatch,

St. Paul,  
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## FBI Blasts Charges of Red Infiltration in U. S. Churches

Apr. 29, 1961

By LOUIS CASSELS  
United Press International  
Christianity and communism stand in the same relationship as yes and no, white and black, the north pole and the south pole.

They are categorical opposites.

Christianity affirms the sovereignty of God and ascribes infinite worth to each human being because he is a child of God.

Communism denies the existence of God, and values the individual only as an instrument and servant of the state.

No rational person can be a sincere Christian and a sincere Communist at the same time.

Communists know this. That is why they persecute Christian churches — sometimes openly, sometimes subtly — in every country in which they have gained power, from Russia to Cuba.

In free nations like America, Communists cannot suppress the churches but must think of other tactics.

Communists undoubtedly have tried in the past to infiltrate the churches by having disguised Communists work their way up to positions of leadership, particularly in the ranks of the clergy.

But although they have failed to infiltrate the churches in any substantial way, there is evidence that the Communists like it when charges are made that they actually have done so.

The Communists know that in the present climate of American feeling, there is no surer way of discrediting the leadership of churches and of sowing confusion and discord among their lay members than for the suspicion to be nourished that a substantial number of Christian clergymen are secret supporters

of the Communist conspiracy.

You may think all of this is far - fetched. But the federal bureau of investigation does not.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, is deeply concerned about the danger that self - appointed "vigilantes" may, in the name of anti - communism, play into the Communists' hands.

During the past few weeks, Hoover has sent FBI chief inspector William C. Sullivan to deliver speeches in many parts of the nation, warning Americans not to be taken in by charges that their churches are overrun with Reds.

"The most interesting reaction," an FBI official said, "has been from the Communists. They are very upset by Sullivan's remarks."

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Sherman Oaks, California

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Dear [redacted]:

Your letter dated June 26, 1961, and enclosures have been received.

Although I deeply appreciate the interest prompting your contacting me, information in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only, due to regulations of the Department of Justice. This Bureau also is strictly a fact-gathering agency and does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret I am unable to help you and hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the group you named.

Your enclosures are being returned, and I want to take this occasion to point out that my statement which appears in the pamphlet you forwarded is being used out of context. In making this remark in my testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in March of 1947, I was not referring to any specific group or religious sect. I was merely calling attention to the fact that our churches, as well as all of our established institutions, are important areas which the subversive forces are attempting to infiltrate. Enclosed is material currently available for general distribution by the FBI on the subject of communism which [redacted] and you may wish to read.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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**Enclosures (5)**

**What You Can Do To Fight Communism**

**Director's Statement 4-17-61 re Internal Security-**

**Series from "Christianity Today"**

**How Red is the Federal Council of Churches?**

**Envelope of transmittal to correspondent's daughter** [REDACTED]

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[Redacted]  
Sherman Oaks, California  
June 26, 1961

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
F.B.I.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

My twelve year old daughter has received several mailings of phamplets and material such as enclosed. I do not know the source or party or the cause of suddenly receiving this material.

May I respectfully ask that your office provide me with as much information on the American Council of Christian Laymen, Madison, Wisconsin, as possible as they are the organization distributing or least provides the copy.

It is difficult and confusing for a 12 year old to suddenly begin receiving such information and to understand it.

As confused parents, it would certainly ease our minds to have an opinion or receive some enlightening word as to what might be behind this latest activity directed toward teenagers. What the organization and those mentioned in the phamplet stand for, etc?

Any information will helpful and appreciated.

Very truly yours,

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[Redacted Address]

Charleston 2, West Virginia

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Dear [Redacted Name]:

Your letter of June 27, 1961, has been received, and I want to thank you sincerely for your kind comments. I am glad to know that you have enjoyed reading my articles, and your best wishes are deeply appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, information in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only, because of regulations of the Department of Justice. The FBI also is strictly a fact-gathering agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any publication, organization or individual. I regret that we are unable to help you and hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subjects of your inquiry.

In view of your interest, I am enclosing some items which you may not have read, including articles I have prepared relating to the value of religious training.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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The Role of the Sunday School  
The Sunday School - Key to Tomorrow  
Communism & Religion by William C. Sullivan  
God and Country or Communism?  
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The American Council of Christian Laymen, with whom [redacted] is affiliated, published a brochure entitled, "How Red is the Federal Council of Christian Churches?" which contained a statement by the Director, used out of context, to infer that certain individuals affiliated with the Federal Council of Churches were subversive. Considerable controversy among Christian laymen resulted following release of this publication. (62-100432) Since correspondent does not make references to this statement, no mention of it is being made in our outgoing letter.

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The National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC) includes in its membership the leading Protestant churches in the country. Various critics of the Council, without access to factual data to support their assertions, have claimed this group is communist controlled or influenced. The FBI, of course, has not investigated the NCCC. (100-50869)



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Mr. Rosen  
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Minister of Music

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Director of Christian Education

MRS. GLEN McGUIRE  
Office Secretary

PHONE DICKENS 3-4891

June 27, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Congratulations to you for your article stating that most Clergymen are loyal American citizens. I have read this article with interest in the current issue of the Crusader, our American Baptist Convention magazine. Statements like this coming from a man of your influence, mean a lot to people of our churches.

I also thank you for your series of articles in "Christianity Today".

Every once in a while, some one will come up with a little pamphlet, "How Red is The National Council of Churches?" This pamphlet is put out by Rev. McIntyre, of Collinswood, New Jersey. Are ministers mentioned in this pamphlet really as guilty as Rev. McIntyre indicates? If they are, why are not these men arrested and brought to speedy trial?

If, on the other hand, this is a ~~scam~~ smear of Christian leaders, how is Rev. McIntyre getting away with this? I would greatly appreciate hearing your opinion of this.

I also wish to thank you for your often quoted remarks about the value of Sunday School in a person's life. You have been and are a great influence in America and I personally appreciate all that you are doing.

May God bless you and use you as you serve Him and our fellow countrymen.

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Knoxville 2, Tennessee

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter of July 19, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to your inquiry. With regard to your question pertaining to investigations by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, may I suggest that you consider directing your inquiry to the Committee located in Room 225, Old House Office Building, Washington 25, D. C.

Enclosed is some literature dealing with the general subject of subversion which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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4-17-61 Internal Security Statement  
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality  
One Nation's Response to Communism

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KNOXVILLE 2, TENNESSEE

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July 19, 1961

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D.C.,

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I would like some information concerning an organization which calls itself the American Council - Christian Laymen. I have some literature, in my possession, published by this organization, which greatly concerns me. I would like to know if this organization has been investigated by the Committee of Unamerican Activities and whether or not it is actually a non-communist organization or is it, too, a subversive organization?

I will appreciate a prompt reply to this inquiry.

Very truly yours,

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Hicksville, Ohio

Dear [redacted]:

Your letter of July 9, 1961, has been received.

While I would like to be of assistance, I must advise that the FBI, as strictly an investigative agency of the Department of Justice, does not furnish evaluations or comments regarding the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. I hope you will not infer in this connection either that we do or do not have data regarding the subject of your inquiry.

In view of your interest, I am enclosing material which you may wish to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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4-17-61 Internal Security Statement

An Analysis of the 17th National Convention, CP USA & Intro. 3-60 LEB

God and Country or Communism

Series from Christianity Today



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Hicksville, Ohio  
July 9, 1961

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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director of F. B. I.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I know that you are a very busy person, but I would appreciate it if you or one of your assistants would give me some straight facts on the "national council of churches," and the affiliation of it's officers and leaders, both past and present, with communist and communist front organizations.

I have in my possession a leaflet which I sent for and received from the "American Council of Christian Laymen," Madison, Wisconsin. It is entitled, "How Red is the National Council of Churches?" No doubt you have seen one of them, but if not it contains a list of some of the Councils officers and leaders, both past and present, and communist organizations they have been affiliated with. I do not want to be guilty of labeling organizations communist just because someone may get the idea they are. This is especially true with our religious organizations, for I know that is what the communist would want me and others to do. I have gathered and studied information on the National Council of Churches and surely they must be communist infiltrated or the "American Council of Christian Laymen" wouldn't dare print such information.

I will appreciate the straight facts from you knowing this will cast out and doubts whatsoever. I thank you.

Sincerely,

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Garden Grove, California

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of August 31, 1961, with enclosures, has been received, and the interest prompting you to communicate with me is appreciated.

In connection with the matter you mentioned, representatives of the FBI who are privileged to speak before various groups throughout the country do so with my full knowledge and approval. Any comments by a representative of this Bureau, however, should not be interpreted as a defense or endorsement of any group since this is not a proper function of the FBI. Assistant Director William C. Sullivan in his discussion of communism dealt with this subject accurately and objectively. In order that you may be fully informed in this regard, I am enclosing the substance of the statements made by Mr. Sullivan. I am also forwarding some material on the general topic of communism you may like to read. Some of these items contain my views on the menace of communism in addition to offering suggestions as to how citizens can combat this evil doctrine.

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Our churches have been and will continue to be important targets in the over-all communist program of endeavoring to infiltrate our established institutions, and we must remain alert to such efforts to subvert our way of life. The communists have tried to infiltrate every part of our society, and patriotic Americans must continue to take a firm stand against communism and combat it wherever possible. But this opposition to communism must be careful, constructive and positive, and it must always be kept within the due process of law.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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**Enclosures**

**What You Can Do To Fight Communism**

**Communism and Religion** *by W. C. Sullivan*

**Faith in God--Our Answer To Communism**

**Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality**

**Christianity Today series**

**NOTE:** Purposely ignoring his question concerning the John Birch Society inasmuch as he has scratched it out. Bufiles contain no information identifiable with correspondent. The pamphlet he enclosed, "How Red is the Federal Council of Churches?" has been brought to the Bureau's attention in the past.



[redacted]  
Garden Grove, Calif.  
31 August 1961

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, F.B.I.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a complete copy of a letter to the editor which appeared in the same newspaper as did a wire release from [redacted] (U.P.I.) except that I believe they appeared on different dates. The first paragraph apparently is original with the letter-writer. The remainder, from the words, "Christianity and Communism stand . . .", appears to be a complete quotation of the U.P.I. release. The first part claims that the John Birch Society and their bedfellows have undertaken to attack the F.B.I. as being at least "soft" on Communism.

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The U.P.I. release seems in tone and quite some in text to be a literary effort to relax people's attention and to whitewash even the very possibility of infiltration of churches, and inadvertently (?) the release does not openly mention the duping or conversion or brainwashing of officials and/or pastors already in "pulpit service." This would present no problem whatsoever to a strongminded, personable layman "convert" in any church in juxtaposition with an official in one category or another who was of shallow "convictions."

I am enclosing also an actual folder by the American Council of Christian Laymen, Madison, Wisconsin. This lists a few of the officials of the N.C.C. who have aided or fronted for a host of Communist front organizations. For me to imagine that even if this list of officials is complete it represents the total amount of damage, or to believe that the infiltration ended in churches solely in this N.C.C. group is a bit difficult, having started to get acquainted with their methods.

Has the John Birch Society to your official or unofficial knowledge undertaken to attack the F.B.I. as soft on the Reds?

I am asking because, although I am not a member I have had a fair amount of admiration for the effort they have put forth and the reaction they have fostered among the Communists is exemplified by Gus Hall's attacks.

The remark that, "F.B.I. Director J. Edgar Hoover is deeply concerned about the danger that self-appointed 'Vigilantes' may . . . etc." sounds like something from an entirely different speech of yours which is here used out of context.

Did you send Chief Inspector William C. Sullivan to deliver speeches on the subject and in the manner related and suggested by this U.P.I. release?

Lecture me, please, but briefly. I am swamped with reading, writing and watching trends, and I still have to work every day to

Now, with connection to the above, except the reference of the letter to pp.289-294 of Masters of Deceit (Pocketbook Edition) I wish to state that I am flabbergasted. I read the last part of Page 294 while I was drafting this letter.

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The quotation from Don Whitehead's book, "The F.B.I. Story" had little bearing on the issues concerned in the letter and leaflet, but they surely did rough me up.

"The top command of the F.B.I. have no illusions that communism can be destroyed in the United States by the investigation, prosecution and conviction of Communist Party leaders who conspire to overthrow the government by force and violence. That is merely one phase of the job to be done in a world-wide struggle.

"The F.B.I. knows that the bigger job lies with the free world's intellectuals -- the philosophers, the thinkers wherever they may be, the professors and scientists and scholars and students. These people who think, the intellectuals if you please, are the ones who can and must convince men that communism is evil. The world's intellectuals themselves must see that communism is the deadliest enemy that intellectualism and liberalism ever had. They must be willing to dedicate themselves to this cause as the Communists have been to dedicate themselves to their cause."

Well, I am flabbergasted! Does this mean that we are to wait until the "brain-trusters," the men of the Council on Foreign Relations, the Moselys, the Cousinsses, the Larsons, the Looses, the Chases, the Bentons, the Hisses, the Schlesingers, the Stevensons, the Hopkinses and the Wristonizers decide to convince us that communism is evil? Does this mean that the road to UNESCO ONE WORLD SOCIALIST government, being led there by Fabian Socialists shoulder to shoulder with one kind or another of Communists (if there is any difference between any of them, which I doubt) is a better deal than out and out Soviet Communism, and this is what we will get in the long run with these intellectuals. And does this mean that we are to wait for the young scholar-students who took part in the Communist student riots in San Francisco to get a little older and harder in order to convince us that Communism is evil? Many of the most prominent of each of the categories together constitute a hot-bed of a type of subversion. By the time they could be made or enticed to see that communism is the greatest enemy of intellectualism, they would be dead and so would we. And dead is dead, isn't it? Our country, as a country, would be likewise, too, beyond a shadow of a doubt.

If these "liberals," intellectuals, and/or socialists working hand in glove (at this stage) with Communists do not represent the internal threat by the international Communist conspiracy, just where is it?

Yours truly,

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Page 95 -- I have read that Khrushchev did not denounce Stalin. He listed the atrocities committed by Stalin in rather gory detail and then praised him for doing these things in the interest of communism (in his last one or two sentences of that speech). ???

*I have carefully observed U.P.I. wire releases with great interest and I hope discrimination.*

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*Letter to Editor*

Editor, News Tribune:

I thought that some of your readers might not know why some members of the John Birch Society and their bedfellows have now undertaken to attack the FBI as being at least "soft" on communism. In addition to the statements in Mr. Hoover's book, "Masters of Deceit" (which the Birchers have loudly acclaimed but apparently not many have read — see especially pp. 289-294, Pocketbook Edition), I call attention to the following United Press International Release, by staff writer Louis Cassels:

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No rational person can be a sincere Christian and a sincere Communist at the same time.

Communists know this. That is why they persecute Christian churches -- sometimes openly, sometimes subtly -- in every country in which they have gained power, from Russia to Cuba.

In free nations like America, Communists cannot suppress the churches but must think of other tactics.

Communists undoubtedly have tried in the past to infiltrate the churches by having disguised Communists work their way up to positions of leadership, particularly in the ranks of the clergy.

They have learned that this is easier said than done. As a practical matter, it is enormously difficult for a Communist to pose convincingly as a dedicated Christian even for the space of one conversation, let alone through the long years of seminary study and pulpit service which are required of any man who becomes an influential leader in the U.S. church life.

But although they have failed to infiltrate the churches in any substantial way, there is evidence that the Communists like it when charges are made that they actually have done so.

The Communists know that in the present climate of American feeling, there is no surer way of discrediting the leadership of churches and of sowing confusion and discord among their lay members than for the suspicion to be nourished that a substantial number of Christian clergymen are secret supporters of the Communist conspiracy.

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YOU MAY THINK ALL OF this is far-fetched. But the Federal Bureau of Investigation does not.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover is deeply concerned about the danger that self-

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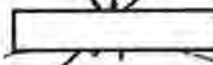
During the past few weeks, Hoover has sent FBI Chief Inspector William C. Sullivan to deliver speeches in many parts of the nation, warning Americans not to be taken in by the charges that their churches are overrun with Reds.

"These allegations have served to create the impression among many Americans that the Protestant denominations in particular have been subjected to alarming infiltration and influence," Sullivan says. "But this is a patent falsehood. The truth of the matter is that the Communist party has not achieved any substantial success in exerting domination, control or influence over America's clergymen or religious institutions on a national scale."

Sullivan is not making this statement on his own authority. He is speaking with the full approval and personal backing of Hoover. And the FBI Director has so informed a number of amateur Communist hunters, who wrote to him protesting Sullivan's speeches.

"The most interesting reaction," an FBI official told United Press International, "has been from the Communists. They are very upset by Sullivan's remarks."

"They love to have wild charges of Communist domination hurled against America's churches. They know that such charges cause consternation, dissension, doubt and fear among church members. And they figure that anyone who succeeds in demoralizing America's churches is aiding their cause."



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First Methodist Church  
Baylor Street at Southwest  
Fourth Avenue  
Perryton, Texas

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Dear [Redacted]:

Your letter of September 20 and enclosure have been received.

With respect to your inquiry, the statement contained in the pamphlet was made by me. I would like to point out, however, that it has been lifted out of context from congressional testimony I gave a few years ago. In this testimony I made several statements, general in nature, to the effect that communists were, and still are, endeavoring to infiltrate all mass-type organizations. I mentioned no group in particular.

Enclosed you will find some literature which may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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- DeLoach
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- Malone
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Enclosures (5)

"Faith in God--Our Answer To Communism"  
What Does the Future Hold?  
The Deadly Contest  
Christianity Today Series  
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion

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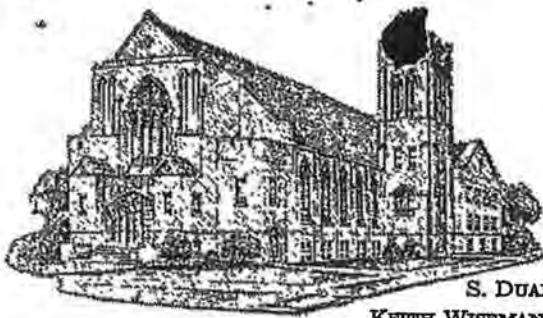
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NOTE: Bufiles contain no references identifiable with correspondent. The pamphlet correspondent enclosed is entitled "How Red is the National Council of Churches?" and has been brought to our attention on a number of occasions. It lifts part of a sentence out of context from the Director's testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in March, 1947. The pamphlet was published by the American Council of Christian Laymen and has caused considerable controversy since its release (62-100432).





# First Methodist Church

Cathedral of the North Plains  
BAYLOR STREET AT S. W. 4TH AVENUE  
PERRYTON, TEXAS

S. DUANE BRUCE, Pastor  
KEITH WISEMAN, Associate Pastor  
MRS. RAY MCENTIRE, Secretary

9-20-61

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Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Evans	
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Mr. Trotter	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Ingram	
Miss Gandy	

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Recently the inclosed leaflet came to my desk, that contains a quotation by you regarding ministers of the gospel being used by the Communists. I would appreciate your verifying this quotation, and if it is true supplying me evidence of such.

Thank you so much for this information.

Sincerely yours

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CORRESPONDENCE

November 2, 1961

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Meshoppen, Pennsylvania

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Dear [Redacted]:

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Your letter dated October 30, 1961, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, I am unable, as a matter of policy, to comment relative to the leaflet you forwarded since the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any publication, organization or individual. Also, information in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only, due to regulations of the Department of Justice.

Your enclosure is being returned, and I want to call your attention in this connection to the sentence it contains credited to me. For your information, this sentence was included in a statement I made to the House Committee on Un-American Activities on March 26, 1947, when I was establishing the fact that it is a continuing program of the Communist Party to attempt to infiltrate every part of our society, including religion. When this passage is read in context, one realizes that I was not making reference to any particular organization or religious denomination. The statement in question is now out of print.

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In view of your interest, I am sending you several items dealing with the general subject of internal security which you may find pertinent at this time.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

See Enclosures and NOTE next page

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**Enclosures (5)**

Correspondent's enclosure - How Red is the Federal Council of Churches?

4-17-61 Internal Security Statement

Introduction 10-61 LEB

The Communist Party Line

Christianity Today Series - The Communist Menace

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October 30, 1961

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

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*J. Edgar Hoover*

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a/s 11-2-61  
PCF: [signature]*

January 22, 1962

Myerstown, Pennsylvania

Dear [redacted]

Your letter postmarked January 17th, with enclosure, been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government, and as such, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any publication, organization or individual. Consequently, I am unable to comment regarding the leaflet you forwarded.

Your enclosure is being returned; however, I would like to call your attention to the sentence it contains credited to me. For your information, this sentence was included in a statement I made to the House Committee on Un-American Activities on March 26, 1947, when I was establishing the fact that it is a continuing program of the Communist Party to attempt to infiltrate every part of our society, including religion. When this passage is read in context, one realizes that I was not making reference to any particular organization or religious denomination. The statement in question is now out of print.

Fortunately this evil conspiracy, still in existence today, has not made substantial penetration into our religious organizations. I would like to emphasize, however, that the churches will continue to be important targets in the over-all subversive plan of endeavoring to control our established institutions, and we must remain alert to any attempt to replace our national traditions with the atheistic philosophy of communism.

The film, "Operation Abolition," is distributed by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, and this Bureau had no connection with its preparation. As a matter of policy, I am unable, therefore, to make

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any comment concerning it. You may wish to direct your inquiry to the Committee which is located in Room 225, Old House Office Building, Washington 25, D. C.

In view of your interest, I am sending you several items dealing with the topic of communism you may like to read. Perhaps you will also wish to refer to my book, "Masters of Deceit," which relates the story of communism in America and how to fight it. You will probably be able to obtain a copy of it at your local library.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

**Enclosures (5)**

Correspondent's enclosure

Director's 12-7-61 Criss Award Speech, The Faith To Be Free

Director's Statement Re Internal Security, 4-17-61

The Communist Party Line

The Communist Menace: Red Goals and Christian Ideals

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Dear Sirs:

I would like to know if these things listed in here are true facts so I could help others to see the danger of Communism and also how about that film "Operation Abolition" some ministers in our area said it was a fake film so many of us are confused which is true. Your comments would be appreciated,

Concerned American

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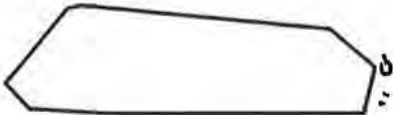
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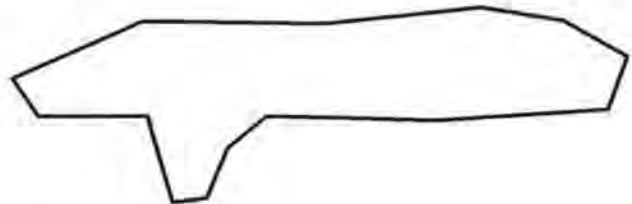
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February 7, 1962

McIntosh, Florida

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Dear [ ]:

Your letter dated February 1, 1962, with enclosure, has been received. The interest which prompted your communicating with me is appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. Furthermore, a regulation of the Department of Justice prohibits the disclosure of information in our files to other than appropriate agencies in the executive branch of the Federal Government.

In view of the concern you expressed in your letter, I am enclosing some literature dealing with the subject of communism and religion which may be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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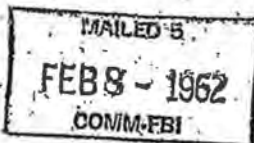
Correspondent enclosed the pamphlet "How Red Is The National Council of Churches?" issued by the American WLS:edb (3) NOTE ON YELLOW CONTINUED PAGE TWO

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Council of Christian Laymen. This pamphlet was first issued in 1949 under the heading "How Red Is The Federal Council of Churches?" and has been brought to the Bureau's attention on numerous occasions. It has caused considerable controversy since its release as it attempts to show communist control or influence in the National Council of Churches of Christ (NCCC) and one of its predecessors, the Federal Council of Churches. The NCCC includes in its membership the leading Protestant churches in the country. The FBI, of course, has not investigated the NCCC (62-100432) (100-50869).

Correspondent advises above-mentioned pamphlet is being disseminated by Christian Freedom Academies (CFA) Brandon, Florida. CFA is [redacted] and material emanating from him has indicated that he makes absurd conclusions regarding the communist menace. Bureau has had limited cordial correspondence with him. However, since 3/29/61, correspondence is not to be answered unless impelling reasons indicate otherwise. (100-111158)

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The correspondent was furnished the following literature:

- (1) "The Communist Menace: Red Goals and Christian Ideals"
- (2) "Let's Fight Communism Sanely"
- (3) "Faith in God--Our Answer To Communism"
- (4) "Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion"
- (5) Director's statement concerning Internal Security, 4/17/61.



TRUE COPY

McIntosh, Fla.  
February 1, 1962

Gentlemen:

The enclosed pamphlet came to me by mail from  
"Christian Freedom Academies," Brandon, Florida.

As you see, it was published by the "American  
Council of Christian Laymen," Madison 1, Wisconsin.

This pamphlet is being sent to a lot of people  
in this area and I would like to know how authentic it is.  
Are these men whom I had always believed to be great  
Christians, really Communists (as this leaflet would have  
us believe).

Please let me know if the F.B.I. thinks the  
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them and all my life my church has taught me against  
such things - not for it. It seems to me that the  
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we all lost faith in our churches.

I would appreciate a prompt reply as this kind  
of smear literature is doing a great deal of harm.

Also, is the "American Council of Christian  
Laymen" sponsored by a particular church denomination?

Sincerely,

/s/

[Redacted Signature]

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March 28, 1962

Phoenix, Arizona

Dear [redacted]:

Your letter dated March 21, 1962, with enclosure, has been received.

With respect to your discussion, it is a pleasure to clarify my position for you on the subject of communism and religion. In my book, "Masters of Deceit," I pointed out that the Communist Party in this country has attempted to infiltrate and subvert every segment of our society, including the field of religion. This is still true today. Fortunately, the Party's efforts are being thwarted by the FBI's internal security programs, by investigation, arrest and prosecution of Party functionaries, and by widespread, intelligent public opposition to the communist philosophy. These achievements are being accomplished through orderly, legal procedures.

I would like to emphasize, however, that churches will continue to be important targets in the over-all subversive plan of endeavoring to control our established institutions, and we must remain alert to any attempts to replace our national traditions with the atheistic philosophy of communism.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosures (6) Correspondent's enclosure  
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!  
Shall It Be Law or Tyranny?  
Communism and the Knowledge to Combat It!  
Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism  
The Courage of Free Men

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March 21, '62

J Edgar Hoover.

Dear Sir, -

*American Council of Christian Boymen*

[redacted] of the First Baptist Church, Phoenix Ariz. said over radio that the Federal Council of Churches was all right. He said maybe one or 2 Communists were in it and the very few were emphasized by the "Right Extremists" like [redacted] and others. [redacted] intern pastor and former [redacted] completely exonerate and defend the Council of Churches.

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The members are completely brainwashed I do believe- [redacted] told his people to get information from you, a friend who belongs to his church refuses to believe there are preachers in the Council. of Churches who are communists or fellow travellers aiding communism. My husband and I left the church for a Bible church which is fundamental and against the National Council.

My friend asked me to write to you.

Why are all NCC Churches smearing the outstanding anti communist movements such as [redacted], & others.

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Please write me if this pamphlet is authentic, and if communism has infiltrated the NCC.

Respectfully,

[redacted]

Phoenix Ariz .

P.S. I thank God for men like you.

P.S. [redacted] told his church that even [redacted] of. (I led 3 lives) could not name communist preachers.

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April 13, 1962

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Mr. Vern P. Kaub  
President  
American Council of Christian Laymen  
2702 Monroe  
Madison, Wisconsin

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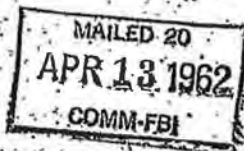
Dear Mr. Kaub:

Your telegram of April 12th has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, I have made it a policy to refrain from commenting on material not prepared by the FBI. In connection with the particular article about which you asked, I would like to point out that the opinions of the author as set forth in it are his own; however, the quotations attributed to Assistant Director William C. Sullivan and me are substantially correct.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director



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NOTE: Complete address per Madison, Wisconsin, telephone directory. Bufiles do not indicate any prior correspondence with Mr. Kaub. His organization was responsible for the dissemination of the pamphlet entitled "How Red Is The Federal Council of Churches." This item contained a quotation of the Director's which had been taken out of context and used in the manner to give

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the implication that certain individuals affiliated with the Federal Council of Churches were subversive. This misuse caused considerable controversy among various religious groups. (62-100432)

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LOOK MAGAZINE DATED APRIL 24 PROMINENTLY DISPLAYS PHOTOS AND  
QUOTATIONS OF YOU AND WILLIAM SULLIVAN WITH APPARENT INTENT  
TO LEND CREDENCE TO SCURLOUS ATTACKS UPON CHRISTIAN PATROITS  
WHICH CONTAINS ABSOLUTE FALSEHOOD.

WAS THIS DONE WITH YOUR ADVANCE APPROVAL AND DO YOU  
APPROVE THE CONTENT OF THE ARTICLE

VERN P KAUB, PRESIDENT AMERICAN COUNCIL CHRISTIAN LAYMEN

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MR. MOHR FOR THE DIRECTOR





# American Council of Christian Laymen

Madison 1, Wisconsin  
April 27, 1962

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.

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My dear Mr. Hoover:

Yours of April 23 is at hand and the picture clarifies much as I had anticipated after reading yours of April 13.

You make no protest at the use of your photograph and a "substantially correct" quotation to lend credence to an article smearing and defaming Christian patriots, maliciously and using falsehood, but you would prefer not to have your official testimony before a Congressional Committee quoted in a fully documented brochure published for the purpose of showing how the "Communists are able to secure ministers of the Gospel to promote their evil work."

You now declare that the Communist "Party's efforts are being thwarted by the FBI's internal security programs, by investigation, arrest and prosecution of Party functionaries, and by widespread, intelligent opposition to the Communist philosophy."

So thwarted are the Party's efforts by the means you mention that pro-Communist and anti-anti-Communist propaganda now is at its highest stage. For example, and merely skimming the surface, the functionaries of National Council of Churches named in the brochure "How Red...?" have stepped up their heretic and pro-Communist pronouncements; they scream to the high heavens for abolition of Congressional investigating committees, favor appeasement, complete disarmament and "peaceful co-existence." At the same time the great majority of periodicals of all classes bow supinely to the decree, direct from Moscow, that all rightist movements must be destroyed by propaganda methods.

As the matter now stands I am not even sure that I dare to hope that your declaration that your efforts in thwarting the Communist program are carried on by "intelligent opposition," and your later declaration that "These achievements are being accomplished through orderly, legal procedures," are not "snide" remarks meant to carry the inference that the operations of religious rightist groups are being carried on by means and methods which are unintelligent, disorderly and perhaps even illegal.

We will take under consideration your statement that you would prefer that we do not use your officially documented testimony in our brochure. If we decide to omit this sworn testimony from further printings it will be for reasons other than your expression of preference.

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Very sincerely,  
Verne P. Kaub, President  
American Council of Christian Laymen

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**Communists Say U.S.  
Encourages Birchers**

LONDON (UPI)—Moscow radio said today the United States government was encouraging the John Birch Society by pursuing an anti-Communist policy.

In an English language broadcast beamed to North America and monitored here, Radio Moscow compared the John Birch Society to fascist groups formed under Hitler and Mussolini before World War II.

The broadcast said right wing groups are "beginning to terrorize the population . . . and although Washington talks of being concerned about them, actually they are encouraging them with their official anti-Communist policy."

4—THE CAPITAL TIMES, Friday, Feb. 9, 1952

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: April 23, 1962

FROM :

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SUBJECT:

VERNE P. KAUB

PRESIDENT

AMERICAN COUNCIL OF CHRISTIAN LAYMEN

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Captioned individual sent a telegram April 12th relating to the "Look" magazine article by Louis Cassels. He was answered by letter 4-13-62 advising him that the Director could not comment on material not prepared by the FBI, that the opinions of the author are his own but that the statements of Assistant Director Sullivan and the Director are substantially correct.

His current letter of April 18th challenges the Look article and states the Director's reply was wholly unsatisfactory since it did not state whether or not the FBI approved of the attack against the right in the article. He states he feels he was libeled by the article.

He wants to know if the Director's quotation "I confess to a real apprehension, so long as communists are able to secure ministers of the gospel to promote their evil work" has been repudiated. He states his organization has used this quotation, admittedly without the Director's permission, in its brochure, "How Red is the Federal Council of Churches?"

Kaub is often referred to as the "Dean" of the Rightist Educational Campaign. In addition to being President of the American Council of Christian Laymen, he is also connected with the Liberty Lobby, an ultra-rightist pressure group in Washington, D. C.

The brochure does contain a statement of the Director which was part of his 1947, testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities. It is taken out of context and the pamphlet caused considerable controversy among Christian laymen at the time of its publication.

## OBSERVATION:

Although the statement of the Director's is out of context, it was used in the same manner in 1951 by the House Committee on Un-American Activities on its pamphlet "100 Things You Should Know About Communism."

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4-23-62

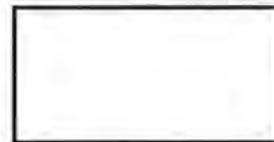
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to DeLoach memo  
RE: VERNE P. KAUB

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter be sent to correspondent emphasizing that the Director has stated that the Communist Party has attempted to infiltrate and subvert every segment of our society, and telling him that the Director prefers that his statements not be used in connection with correspondent's brochure.



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April 23, 1962

62-10432-46  
Mr. Verne P. Kaub  
President  
American Council of Christian Laymen  
2702 Monroe  
Madison 1, Wisconsin

Born 1884 in Michigan

Dear Mr. Kaub: Verne Paul

Your letter of April 18th, with enclosures, has been received.

The quotation you mentioned was part of my testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities on March 26, 1947. In my statement at that time, I mentioned a number of groups which have been prime targets for communists. The Communist Party in this country has attempted to infiltrate and subvert every segment of our society. However, the Party's efforts are being thwarted by the FBI's internal security programs, by investigation, arrest and prosecution of Party functionaries, and by widespread, intelligent opposition to the communist philosophy. These achievements are being accomplished through orderly, legal procedures.

I have not repudiated the testimony I gave; however, I would prefer that my statements not be used in connection with your brochure.

Sincerely yours,

SENT DIRECTOR  
FOR APPROVAL  
4-23-62

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

NOTE: See [redacted] to DeLoach memo dated 4-23-62, captioned "VERNE P. KAUB." Full address obtained from prior correspondence.

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# American Council of Christian Laymen

Madison 1, Wisconsin  
April 18, 1962

Mr. Tolson  
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have your letter of April 13, a prompt but wholly unsatisfactory reply to my telegram of April 12. To me it seems inconceivable that an agency of the United States Government, which is supposed to protect the liberties of the American people, will allow the personalities of this department to be used to lend credence to scurrilous attacks on Christian patriots and then refuse to state whether or not this governmental department approves these attacks.

In my telegram I did not mention the fact that the article to which you indirectly lend approval not only is unfair but actually contains many falsehoods. Personally I am of the opinion that I have been libeled and my attorney has given me an off-the-cuff opinion to that effect. For that reason I have delayed making any demand upon Look for correction or retraction.

I now ask this further question: Do you now repudiate the statement which you made before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in 1947 which read: "I confess to a real apprehension, so long as Communists are able to secure ministers of the gospel to promote their evil work."

Since this statement was published in the Official Document of the House Committee in the Section, "Communism and Religion," of the House Document No. 136, 82d Congress, 1st Session, 100 Things You Should Know About Communism, we assumed that we might use it without your personal consent and we have done so.

This statement has been included in hundreds of thousands of copies of our brochure "How Rad...?", which is under attack by the left wing. If you now wish to repudiate this statement, we will, of course, omit it from further printings of the brochure.

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Very sincerely,  
V. P. Kaub  
Vernon P. Kaub, President  
American Council of Christian Laymen

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## About the Author

Verne Paul Kaub has had a varied career. Born in 1884, in Michigan, the son of a lay worker in the Dunkard Church, he was reared by a widowed mother who was an active church worker. Kaub at the age of fourteen became a member of the Christian Church.

Valedictorian of his (Indiana) high school class, he studied mechanical drafting by correspondence, taught rural school, and later spent two years in the College of Engineering in the University of Wisconsin.

Following his years as an engineering student, Kaub worked in several machine shops in the Middle West. He later became interested in journalism, beginning his journalistic career as branch manager of a South Bend, Indiana, newspaper in 1913. Then followed positions on the staffs of other newspapers in Wisconsin and Indiana.

For more than a decade he has been employed by the Wisconsin Power & Light Company as public relations assistant, with headquarters in Madison. He also edits an employee magazine.

He is now a member of the First Congregational Church of Madison, and active in the counsels of his denomination where he has strongly opposed the Social Action group. His study of this movement, his lifelong interest in public problems, his journalistic training and background, admirably equip him as a vigorous defender of the "American Way of Life" as expressed by "Free Enterprise," "Christianity," "Free Government." Every American citizen, every Christian should be grateful for such an able champion of our great heritage.

\* Retired as of 7/31/49 and since then devoting full time to affairs of American Council of Christian Laymen.

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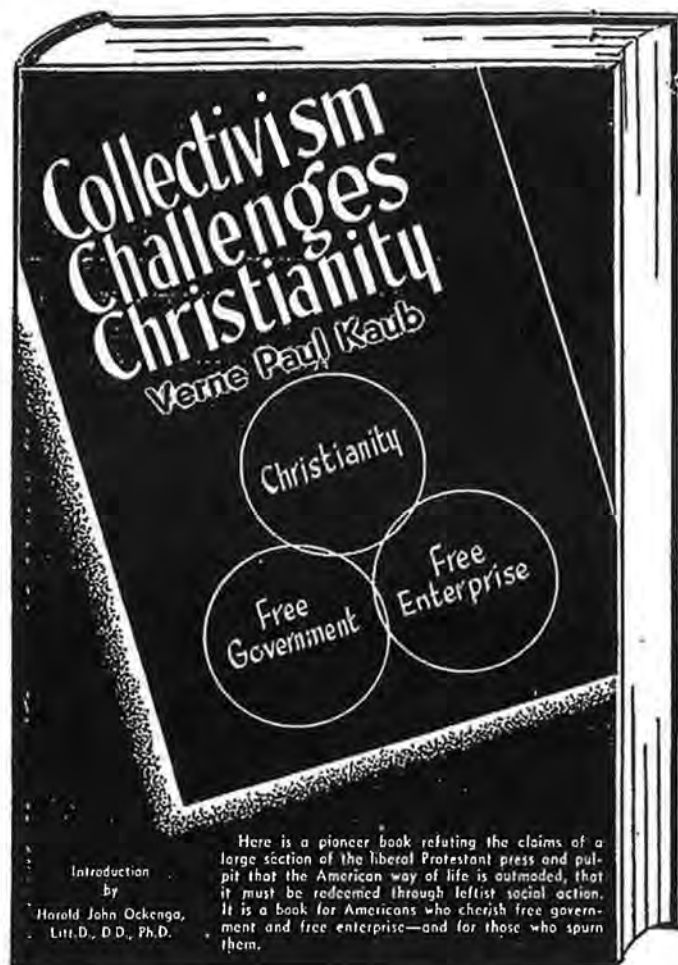
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July 11, 1962

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First Christian Church  
209 North Ninth Street  
Marysville, Kansas

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Dear [Redacted]:

Your letter of July 5, 1962, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. In this connection, information contained in our files is maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret I am unable to help you and hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to your inquiries.

Enclosed is some material I hope will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director



Enclosures (5)  
The Courage of Free Men  
"Faith in God--Our Answer To Communism"  
Let's Fight Communism Sanely!  
My Answer to Communism and Crime  
The Communist Menace: Red Goals and Christian Ideals

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record identifiable with correspondent. No record was located re "The Committee of American Laymen"; however, [REDACTED] may be referring to the American Council of Christian Laymen which published a pamphlet entitled "How Red is the National Council of Churches?" which has caused considerable controversy since its release. (62-100432)



# FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

"The Church Beautiful"

Jerry Welsh, Minister  
Phone HI 3-3382

209 N. 9th Street Marysville, Kansas

July 5, 1962

The Office of J. Edgar Hoover  
Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir,

In our town there is a group of persons distributing material from an organization which calls itself "The Committee of American Laymen". This material maligns the National Council of Churches of Christ as a Communist infested Organization.

Would you please write to me and inform me as to the standing of the National Council in regard to your knowledge? If it is a Communist organization it should be stamped out, but if it is not it should be supported. I am writing for my own information.

This material mentioned in the above paragraphs also states that a good many protestant ministers are pro communists. I would also like to know if this is true according to your information.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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February 13, 1964

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Munster, Indiana

Dear [redacted]

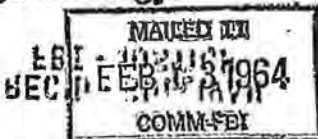
Your letter of February 5th, with enclosure, has been received.

I am enclosing a copy of a page from my testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities on March 26, 1947. As you will see, the quotation you mentioned is included in my remarks which were intended to emphasize the danger of our citizens' failing to recognize the threat of communism. It has been used out of context and in a manner which fails to convey my meaning.

The Communist Party in this country has attempted to infiltrate and subvert every segment of our society. Its efforts are being thwarted by the FBI's internal security programs, by investigation, arrest and prosecution of Party functionaries, and by widespread, intelligent public opposition to the communist philosophy. These achievements are being accomplished through orderly, legal procedures.

Despite the above, the world communist conspiracy and its advocates in the United States continue to pose a basic threat to our country. It is important that our citizens educate themselves concerning the true nature of this atheistic philosophy in order that they will be able to resist its eroding influence. At the same time, opposition to communism must be careful and constructive, and kept within the due process of law. It is not enough to be merely against communism. We should exhibit in positive ways the superiority of our form of government over any foreign ideology.

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Regrettably, there is a tendency on the part of some to make exaggerated charges as to the extent of communist success in gaining influence within legitimate organizations and segments of our society, such as our religious institutions. We must continually be alert to communist attempts to penetrate and influence; however, our efforts must be rational and objective.

I am enclosing some material I hope will be of interest, along with the stamped, self-addressed envelope which you so thoughtfully forwarded.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

**Enclosures (6)**

Correspondent's stamped, self-addressed envelope

Copy of a page from testimony before HCUA on March 26, 1947.

4-17-62 Internal Security Statement

4-1-61 LEB Intro

Let's Fight Communism Sanely!

Faith in God--Our Answer to Communism

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The quotation referred to was made by the Director before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in 1947; however, it is not a complete quote and has been taken out of context by this group. Attached is a copy of this testimony in which the Director's full quotation appears.



following statement, "I believe that everyone should know that we are for Russia and if need be we will die for the cause. I don't mean that war with Russia is coming soon; I hope not, so that Russia will be better prepared."

#### What To Do

What can we do? And what should be our course of action? The best antidote to Communism is vigorous, intelligent, old-fashioned Americanism with eternal vigilance. I do not favor any course of action which would give the Communists cause to portray and pity themselves as martyrs. I do favor unrelenting prosecution wherever they are found to be violating our country's laws.

As Americans, our most effective defense is a workable democracy that guarantees and preserves our cherished freedoms.

I would have no fears if more Americans possessed the zeal, the fervor, the persistence and the industry to learn about this menace of Red Fascism. I do fear for the liberal and progressive who has been hoodwinked and duped into joining hands with the Communists. I confess to a real apprehension so long as Communists are able to secure ministers of the gospel to promote their evil work and espouse a cause that is alien to the religion of Christ and Judaism. I do fear so long as school boards and parents tolerate conditions whereby Communists and fellow travelers under the guise of academic freedom can teach our youth a way of life that eventually will destroy the sanctity of the home, that undermines faith in God, that causes them to scorn respect for constituted authority and sabotage our revered Constitution.

I do fear so long as American labor groups are infiltrated, dominated or saturated with the virus of Communism. I do fear the palliation and weasel-worded gestures against Communism indulged in by some of our labor leaders who should know better but who have become pawns in the hands of sinister but astute manipulators for the Communist cause.

I fear for ignorance on the part of all our people who may take the poisonous pills of Communist propaganda.

I am deeply concerned whenever I think of the words of an oldtime Communist. Disillusioned, disgusted and frightened he came to us with his story and concluded:

"God help America or any other country if the Communist Party ever gets strong enough to control labor and politics. God help us all!"

The Communist have been, still are and always will be a menace to freedom, to democratic ideals, to the worship of God and to America's way of life.

I feel that once public opinion is thoroughly aroused as it is today, the fight against Communism is well on its way. Victory will be assured once Communists are identified and exposed, because the public will take the first step of quarantining them so they can do no harm. Communism, in reality, is not a political Party. It is a way of life -- an evil and malignant way of life. It reveals a condition akin to disease that spreads like an epidemic and like an epidemic a quarantine is necessary to keep it from infecting the Nation.